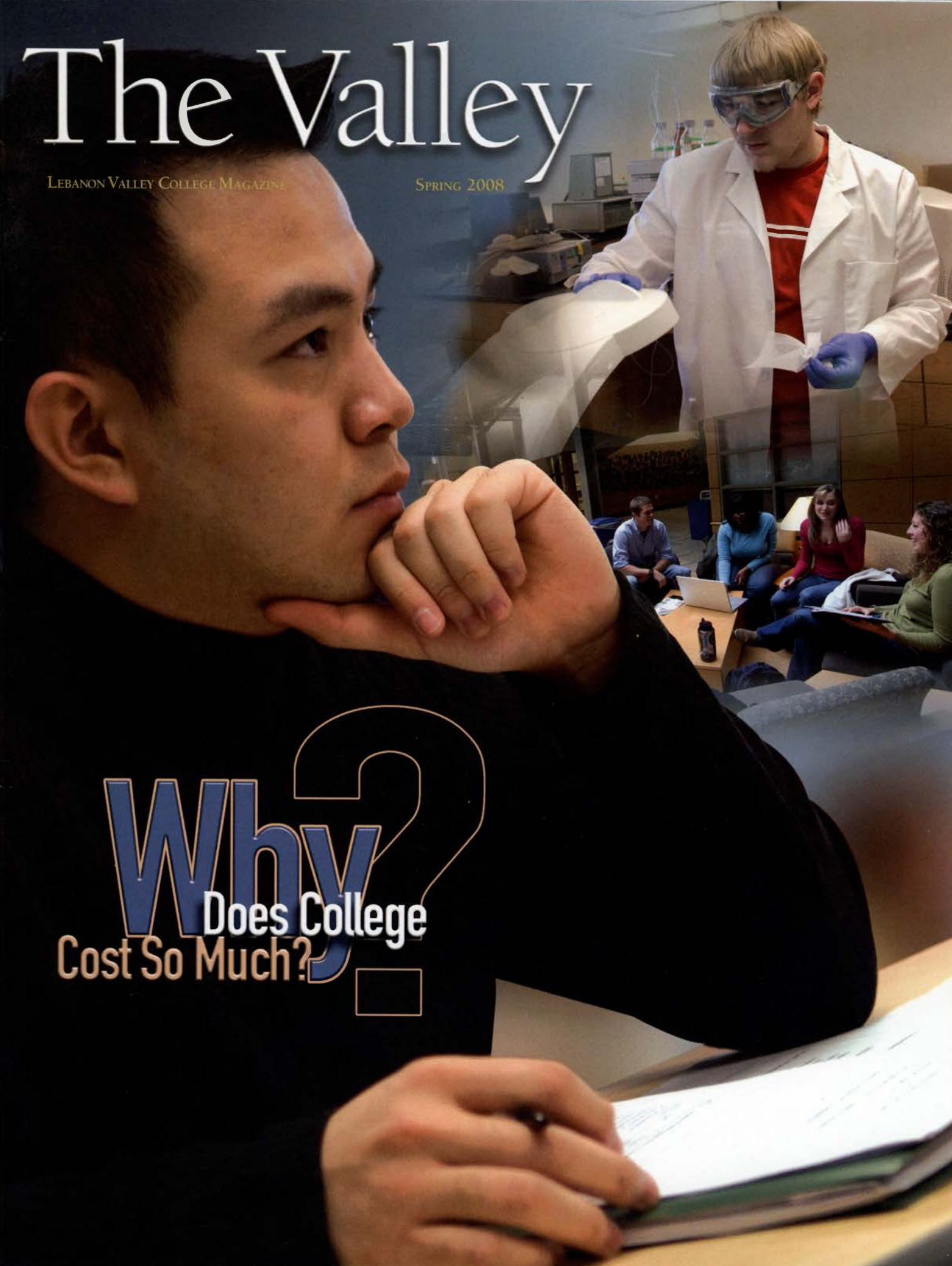


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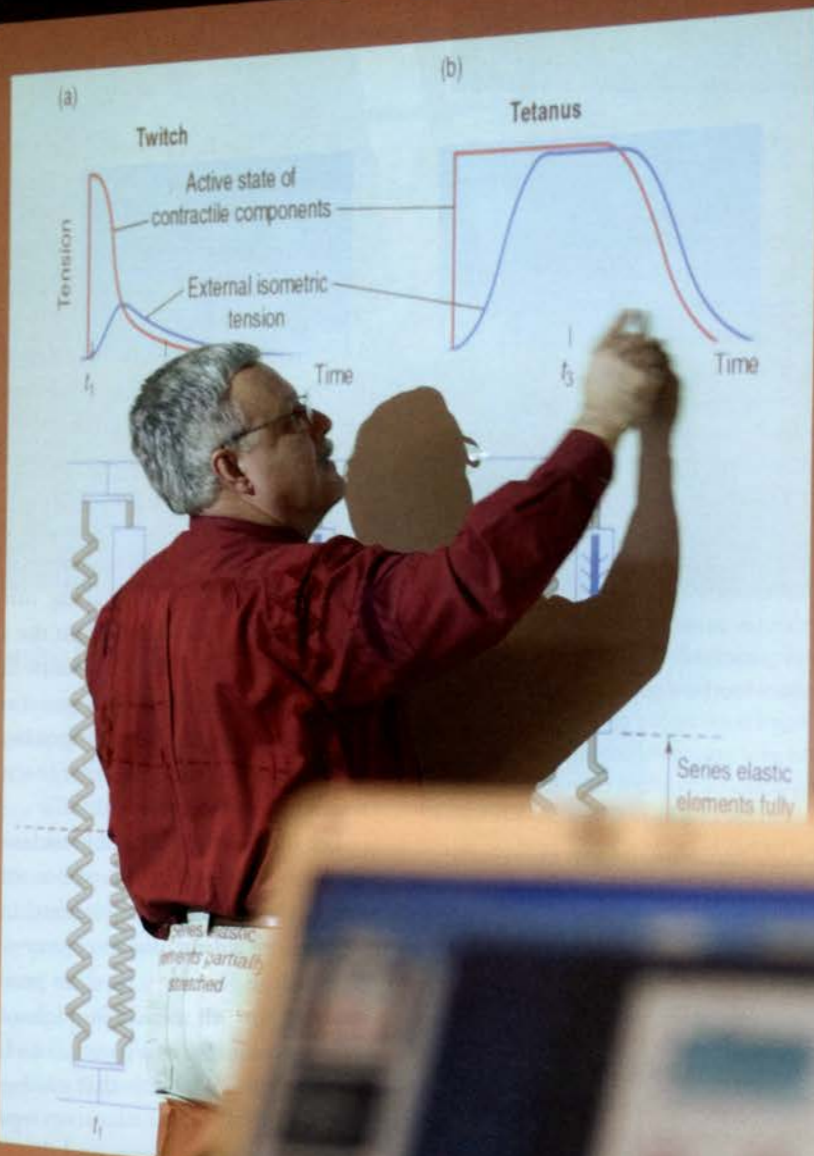


LVC students have access to advanced technology laboratories as well as traditional classrooms.



Why is college so expensive? Is it worth it? These are questions young people, their families, and even Congress are asking as the cost of higher education continues to rise each year. Given the price of a college education—up to \$50,000 or more at some institutions, “it’s no wonder that families and students are asking a lot more questions,” said **William J. Brown Jr. ’79**, LVC’s vice president of enrollment, who oversees financial aid and admission.

The “sticker” price at LVC for the 2008–09 year is \$37,110 for tuition, full board, and a standard room. But most LVC students don’t pay that price. About 98 percent of LVC students receive financial aid based on merit or need. With an average aid package of just under \$11,000, many students will see their final bills come down to a more manage-



New lecture halls in Neidig-Garber enable professors to integrate technology into classroom instruction. Dr. Dale Erskine, professor of biology, presents a lecture for his Vertebrate Physiology class.

How I Paid for College

JILL BRADER '08

Giving advice appears to be an inborn talent. Some people are meant to give while others are meant to receive.

LVC senior **Jill Brader** fits comfortably into the advice-giving category. Earlier this year, Brader and a friend came up with the idea of writing a newspaper advice column for a project in their journalism class. On the insistence of their professor, the idea became a reality as "Take It or Leave It," a weekly column in the College's newspaper, *La Vie Collegienne*.

At first Brader was nervous about appearing to be a know-it-all. But **Bob Vucic**, the newspaper's advisor and an adjunct instructor in English, insisted that she and **Kasey Arnold '08** put their names on the column.

Now, there's no turning back. They may not be know-it-alls, but they are definitely know-it-somethings, having skillfully navigated questions about roommate problems, money woes, college romance, and "senioritis." The column is a big hit.

"It's been a really fun experience," said Brader, a digital communications major from Allentown. She enjoys everything related to the publishing business, includ-

ing layout, graphic design, and writing. Brader has been able to pursue her passion thanks to a combination of scholarships and family funds.

To help pay for her college education, she annually receives a \$6,781 LVC Achievement Award, guaranteed to students in the top 30 percent of their high school class, and a \$3,000 scholarship from Rodale Press, her mother's employer. The remainder is paid for by income from summer jobs, campus employment, contributions from her parents, and the generosity of her grandfather.

Brader, who works nine hours per week for the College's publications office, will graduate this year practically debt-free. She has only a \$5,000 Stafford Loan to repay. It's fair to say she has received a lot of bang for her buck. In addition to writing her column and editing the "Perspectives" section in the newspaper, Brader has been captain of the swim team, vice president of the rugby club for three years, and during the spring semester, had a design internship at Whitaker Center in Harrisburg. She was also a layout editor for the yearbook.

She recently finished her final season on the swim team. "It's a little bit sad," she said. Brader has been involved in competitive swimming since she was in sixth grade.

The women's rugby club made it to the playoffs this year for the first time since 2002. Brader never played the sport before she came to LVC. "I've grown to love rugby because it's so competitive and it's just been fun to learn a new game," she said.

Brader hopes to get a job in magazine publishing next year—or, who knows?—become the next "Dear Abby" for a newspaper. In a recent column, Brader gave advice to a student grappling with the restlessness of senior year. "Don't skip classes," she advised. "Enjoy the time you have left here and make the most of it." That's advice she intends to follow herself.

able \$26,110. But paying for it remains a challenge.

"The American public still loves higher education and most want it for their children," said Don Francis, president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Pennsylvania, "but they think we're too expensive. And they have very little understanding of how we are financed and how much we really cost.

"They think the tuition paid at the public or private college or university is too much to pay for an education. They don't really understand that the tuition is subsidized with dollars from the state and federal governments, donors, and endowment earnings to pay the true cost of the education ... they are getting a great bargain because the cost is actually much higher than they think."

Lebanon Valley College President **Stephen C. MacDonald**, whose son John, is a recent college graduate, understands both sides of the issue very well. As a college president, he must provide students with an affordable, high-quality college education; as a parent, he's had to foot the bill. "We know that paying the cost of a private higher education represents a burden for our students, and that is why the largest single item in our annual budget is the money we devote to financial aid," he said. "In the current academic year, LVC will provide more than \$18 million in institutional funds to our students in the form of scholarships."

LVC Rated #1 in the North in "Great Schools, Great Prices"

Efforts to control costs at the Valley—while still providing students with excellent academics—have won national recognition. The College was rated number one in the North in the "Great Schools, Great Prices" category among "Best Baccalaureate Colleges" in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2008 edition of the book, *America's Best Colleges*.





President Stephen C. MacDonald chats with elementary education majors Charlie Fisher '09 and Emily Ross '08 in Lynch Memorial Hall.

Scholarship Guarantee to Top Students

The College's unique Presidential Scholarship program assures the top 30 percent of graduating high school seniors that they will be rewarded for their efforts with guaranteed tuition breaks ranging from 25 to 50 percent, according to their class rank and other factors. [See box]. "We are unique in guaranteeing a scholarship based on high school performance," MacDonald pointed out. In fact, LVC pioneered the return to achievement-based scholarships in 1991, and became

a national trendsetter in the move to reward and encourage high school students' academic excellence.

Graduate on Time or It's Free

In addition to its merit-based scholarship program, the College has a long-standing graduation guarantee. LVC promises that students who meet all of the academic requirements of their majors will graduate in four years—or else they can finish their education here tuition-free. That graduation guarantee is especially

important now that the average student nationwide takes six years to graduate. At LVC, the vast majority of students earn their degrees in four years. The Valley has one of the highest (top 3 percent) graduation rates in its category according to *America's Best Colleges*.

MacDonald and the Board of Trustees regularly review LVC's tuition and fees to make sure they are competitive with similar institutions. In a major affordability study conducted by the College two years ago, LVC was ranked the fourth lowest in tuition and fees among 11 comparably sized private liberal arts colleges in Pennsylvania, such as Elizabethtown College and Susquehanna University. In that same study, the College was ranked as the fourth highest to meet the demonstrated financial need of its undergraduates—despite having a far lower endowment than many other colleges.

LVC Merit-based Scholarship Program

Presidential Scholarships at LVC are guaranteed to student applicants in the top 30 percent of their high school class. If a student's class rank moves up or down at the end of the student's senior year in high school, so may the scholarship.

Vickroy Award

- One-half tuition scholarship (50%), value for 2008–2009 = \$14,325
- Awarded to high school seniors graduating in the top 10% of their class
- Retention requirements: 2.75 semester GPA freshman year; 3.00 semester GPA all remaining years

Leadership Award

- One-third tuition scholarship (33%), value for 2008–2009 = \$9,550
- Awarded to high school seniors graduating in the top 20% of their class
- Retention requirements: 2.50 semester GPA freshman year; 2.75 semester GPA all remaining years

Achievement Award

- One-quarter tuition scholarship (25%), value for 2008–2009 = \$7,163
- Awarded to high school seniors graduating in the top 30% of their class
- Retention requirements: 2.25 semester GPA freshman year; 2.50 semester GPA all remaining years

Students who rank outside the top 10% of their high school class or who attend a high school that does not rank, but have a combined Critical Reading and Math SAT score of 1100 or ACT composite score of 24, will be invited to interview for one of the Presidential Scholarships.

Students who complete the admission process are automatically considered for the scholarships. There is no separate application; however, to ensure full consideration, the admissions process must be completed by May 1.

College Graduates Earn More

There's no doubt that college degrees are worth all the effort and expense. Graduates earn, on average, nearly \$1 million dollars more in their lifetimes than those without higher education degrees according to a recent report from the U.S. Census Bureau. "The average holder of a bachelor's degree earns twice the lifetime earnings of a high school dropout. Advanced degree holders earn more than three times as much ... so education really pays off," said U.S. Secretary of Labor Elaine L. Chao in a recent speech.

The financial payoff for our country is also huge. Colleges like LVC strive to develop students with the skills to adapt throughout their lifetimes as the world

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economy continues to change. The liberal arts education, with its emphasis on critical thinking, careful analysis, and creativity, primes people to be agile in their careers as well as to create the goods and services the world will want.

College graduates can look forward to long and healthy careers. A Harvard

Medical School study published this spring found that Americans with more than 12 years of education can expect to live to 82, seven years longer than high school graduates. The longer life expectancy is attributed to fewer deaths from smoking-related diseases, but also to a higher income, which gives those with more education access to safer neighborhoods and better health care.

Rich, Rewarding Life

But perhaps the greatest benefits of higher education are intangible. "Educational experience broadens horizons, makes one consider other points of view, enlarges perception, and develops habits of thought and questioning that allow a

How I Paid for College

JARED PITT '08

When **Jared Pitt** was a boy, he was often in the woods behind his house in New Jersey looking for woodchucks, garter snakes, and turtles. It seemed there was no animal that failed to inspire his interest.

When a stray cat gave birth to a litter under the hood of the family car, Pitt was thrilled. He decided early on he wanted to be a paleontologist, but changed his mind in second grade after realizing the potential for studying live specimens was frustratingly small.

He decided to be a veterinarian instead.

Pitt's dream has remained unchanged, and he is now a senior biology major at Lebanon Valley College, hoping to attend veterinary school a year after he graduates. Hard work and scholarships from LVC have made the fulfillment of his ambitions possible.

Pitt is the recipient of an annual \$7,500 Multicultural Fellowship. He received a half-tuition Vickroy Scholarship and has taken out about \$17,000 in federally-subsidized Stafford Loans. His mother has paid tuition bills ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 each of his four years.

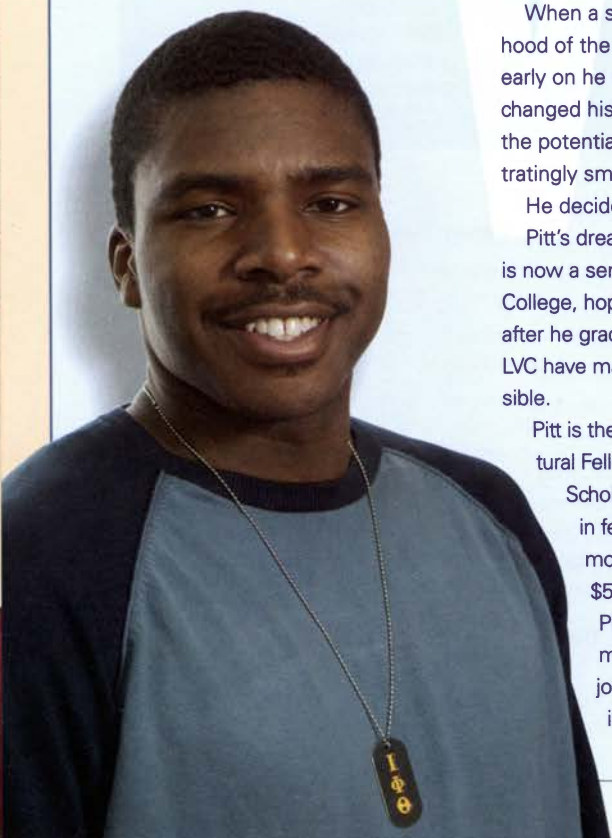
Pitt, who lives off campus to save money, makes up the difference by doing assorted jobs on and around campus and by working in the summer.

Sixteen hours a week, he is employed as a veterinary assistant at Annville-Cleona Veterinary Associates for \$8 an hour. There he draws blood, administers vaccines, and restrains animals. It's not everyone's idea of fun, but Pitt is in his element.

He's also mixed solutions for LVC's Biology Department, and worked as a Saturday-night bouncer at LVC's Underground in the Mund College Center. In the summer, he works for an animal orphanage near his home in West Berlin, N.J.

When Pitt was deciding on a college four years ago, he narrowed his choices to Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, or LVC. He ended up in Annville because he "liked the fact that it was a small, beautiful campus." Also, he said, "It didn't seem like a really big party school."

Completing a biology major is a lot of work, so the relative quiet of LVC has been a big plus. Veterinary school will be another four years of study and, if all goes well, of scholarships and loans. Fortunately, the financial burden of attending LVC has not been so great he can't handle these future expenses. His dream of caring for the world's animals in a veterinary business somewhere not too far from home is closer by the day.





The Coffee Bar, funded by young alumni, in Lynch Memorial Hall has become a popular spot where students, faculty, and staff gather.

person to lead a much richer, rewarding life. Too often we allow hostile media, government officials, or parents to put us on the defensive about our costs. I believe the personal benefit from a good college education is worth far more than the price we charge," Francis said.

Lebanon Valley College spent more than \$15 million or nearly 40 percent of its entire 2007 operating budget on instruction, which included instructional materials and equipment as well as salaries for professors and instructors; \$3.2 million, or 8 percent, on student services; and \$6.4 million, or 16 percent, on administrative expenses.

With a little research, students can compare the cost of attending LVC to other colleges and begin to understand the complex realities behind that tuition bill. Of LVC's entire \$39.2 million operating expenses in 2007, \$26.3 million or—77 percent—came from tuition and fees. "We also rely on room-and-board revenue, earnings from our endowment, earnings on investments, gifts, and earnings on so-called auxiliary enterprises like the bookstore and the Arnold Sports Center to cover the difference between what a student pays in tuition and what it actually costs to deliver that education to the students," said MacDonald.

Keeping Tuition in Line

Tuition, fees, room, and board charges at LVC have been rising 4.5 to 5.5 percent annually in recent years, said **Deborah Fullam '81**, LVC's vice president and controller. This is well below the historic average for college tuition increases in the United States over the past 50 years. Over that period, tuition increased annually an average of 8 percent nationally.

Colleges must constantly struggle to keep tuition within the range of competing institutions. "We're very driven by market forces," said Fullam. The level of competition among providers of higher education is one of the greatest benefits for the consumer; a free and diverse market is in the interest of every buyer.

"A college is like a traditional business in some respects, but quite different in others," said MacDonald. "Like any other business, we operate in a fiercely competitive market. Many other colleges and universities are vying for the same 'customers' and we all have to advertise and market ourselves if we wish to attract students in the number and of the quality we require.

"But, some of the things we do are very different from what happens in a classic market economy," he added. "For example, we refuse to sell our services to some people even if they are willing to pay us full price. We do this when we deny an applicant admission to the College. And we give money to different 'customers' in order to encourage them to buy our services. We do this when we award scholarships."

Kendra M. Feigert, director of financial aid, spends time talking to families about scholarships and their options for financing a college education. "We do a lot of counseling. We keep a pretty close communication with our families," she said. "We're a smaller school so we're able to do that. We have an open-door policy so pretty much anybody can come in and sit down and talk to us to explore all available options."

RACHEL MINGLE '09

The Roaring Spring Department Store has been in the same family for three generations. It's also been in business without interruption for 144 years. When customers go there to buy furniture, household utensils, and clothes, they're supporting one of the longest-lived independent businesses in Pennsylvania.

Unwittingly, they're also contributing to **Rachel Mingle's** education at Lebanon Valley College, where she is a junior majoring in music education. Like many LVC students, she pays her tuition bill by cobbling together funds from a variety of sources, including the department store her parents run.

The store has helped put Mingle, her brother, and two sisters through college. That's a lot of mattresses, sweaters, paint, and toasters.

Fortunately, due to the scholarships Mingle has received at LVC, the burden for her education has been relatively light. LVC guarantees scholarships to the top 30 percent of high school graduates. Mingle, who was in the top 10 percent of her class, knew she qualified for LVC's Vickroy Scholarship before she was even accepted. It has paid half of her tuition every year.

She also receives \$3,500 a year from non-LVC scholarships. This year, she is working as a resident assistant in Silver Hall for which her room fee is paid by the College.

Last summer, Mingle worked in the College Advancement Office, and when she's home, she helps out in the family store. This summer, she'll earn about \$3,000 as a live-in nanny in North Carolina.

Mingle hopes to get a job as a music teacher soon out of college, which will help pay off \$11,612 in federally-subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford Loans. Her debt burden should be lighter than the average LVC student, who graduates with about \$27,000 in federal and private loans, which is about the national average.

All in all, Mingle's expenses are less than those of her brother, Benjamin, who's a sophomore at Penn State. "He's actually paying more than I am because I have so much in aid and scholarships," she said.

Mingle, who sings in the concert, chamber, and gospel choirs, is glad she chose LVC—and not just for financial reasons. "The atmosphere is really warm and inviting. I love the fact that when I walk across campus, I know almost every single person I see," she said. To someone who has lived all her life in Roaring Spring, 20 minutes from Altoona, Annville and the intimacy of LVC seem right.

She also loves the high ratio of teachers to students. "It's a good environment to learn in. Every teacher knows every one of their students on a first-name basis. You can ask a question and not be afraid. I get a lot more out of education when I can identify with the instructor."

Investing in Faculty and Technology

There is no mystery as to why tuition increases do not correspond to the general inflation rate. The costs of running a college do not mirror the Consumer Price Index, but are subject to unique inflationary pressures. At LVC, the single greatest budgetary priority is the faculty. "Higher education at a small, private institution is very labor intensive," said Fullam. Unlike less expensive universities that employ graduate students to teach courses, LVC maintains a full-time teacher/full-time student ratio of 16 to one by using only professors rather than graduate students to teach. Students and faculty alike treasure the relationships they develop in small classes. Students are not overlooked; many develop lifelong friendships with their professors.

Not only does the College consider it a sound business practice to keep faculty salaries increasing at or above the rate of inflation, but it also must bear increases in the cost of benefits that significantly exceed the inflation rate. Medical benefits have gone up significantly in recent years, said Fullam.

Some areas of the budget have seen even more dramatic increases over the last 20 years, most notably the costs of maintaining the latest information technology on campus. That means upgrading and introducing new software and providing new technology, such as the 1998 introduction of swipe cards used by students to buy meals, check out library books, use the sports center, and enter buildings. All residence halls will have this safer, keyless entry system installed by the end of this year.

Another recent technology improvement is the College's new student and staff portal, unveiled last August. It acts like an alternate web site within the College that gives students and staff easy entrance to AccessLVC, Blackboard, and the library, as well as to their e-mail and documents, without having to sign in repeatedly. The portal also provides important announcements, and lists daily





Left: LVC students can choose from a variety of menu options offered in the College's dining rooms.

Below: Ryan Zvorsky '09 takes advantage of the wireless capabilities in his room in Marquette Hall.

events, dining menus, upcoming student activities, and athletic news. Users can also find the local weather report, local and national news sources, and college and pro sports scores.

Going Wireless

Last year, the College finished putting wireless Internet in all the academic buildings, and by this summer all of the residence halls also will be wireless. LVC replaces each of the 700 personal computers on campus every four years. "We're committed to keeping the technology up-to-date," said **Robert A. Riley**, vice president of information technology services. The total spent on information technology in the 2006–07 fiscal year, including salaries and equipment, was \$1.9 million. Those expenses were nonexistent 40 years ago.

The old books-and-notepads education sure looks good from a purely economic standpoint. However, "There's no turning back the technological clock," said MacDonald, "Our students expect to see and use a modern technological infrastructure. If we told them that we were prepared to reduce their tuition rate by, say, \$500 next year but that we could afford to do this only by the loss of Internet access on the College system, I predict that they would not accept this offer."



Students Expect Better Food

Most students probably would not opt to save money if it meant scaling back on dining services, either. They insist on food that is better than they could find in their high school cafeterias—or at most campuses even a decade ago. At colleges across the country, "mystery meat" is gone.

"There's been a dramatic evolution of dining standards in terms of what we offer," said **Nick Milone**, general manager for Hallmark Services, which operates LVC's dining program. "It used to be the old-school approach of heat-and-serve entrees. Today, it's more about freshness and variety. Students want to see more

items that chefs prepare right in the dining room."

Made-to-order pastas and gourmet wraps are popular these days, as is the College's Cup O' Joe gourmet coffee bar in Lynch Memorial Hall. The Delicacy is a sandwich station open weekdays for lunch and dinner offering made-to-order items. It used to be self-serve, but now everything's freshly prepared. When Milone started at LVC eight years ago, there were 18 to 20 full-time employees in dining services; now there are 27, a modest hike given significant increases in enrollment over that period.

Premium Housing in Demand

Students aren't settling for their parents' residence halls, either. At LVC, **Jason Kuntz**, director of residential life, said it is the College's "premium" housing that upperclassmen choose first each spring in the College's annual housing lottery. This upscale housing includes private rooms, suites, or shared houses and apartments—even though it will cost students almost \$1,000 more per year than the standard double room on a corridor served by one community bathroom. Students want more space, more privacy, and more amenities across college housing, a trend reflected in the country as a whole. The average American house size has more than doubled since the 1950s according to the Census Bureau.

College administrators know that if they don't provide a superior academic program, the latest technology, terrific professors, a beautiful campus, premium housing, great food, and fabulous sports and arts facilities, students are likely to go elsewhere. Every college and university feels this pressure. Not only must administrators respond to the rising expecta-

tions of students and parents, sometimes called “expectation creep,” but there also are steady increases in fixed costs that the College cannot control.

Costs Soar

According to the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), a statistical measure for operating expenses at the nation’s colleges and universities, the rising cost of fuel and other forms of energy has been a significant factor in college budgets nationally in recent years. These increases have run an average of 13 percent in the past six years.

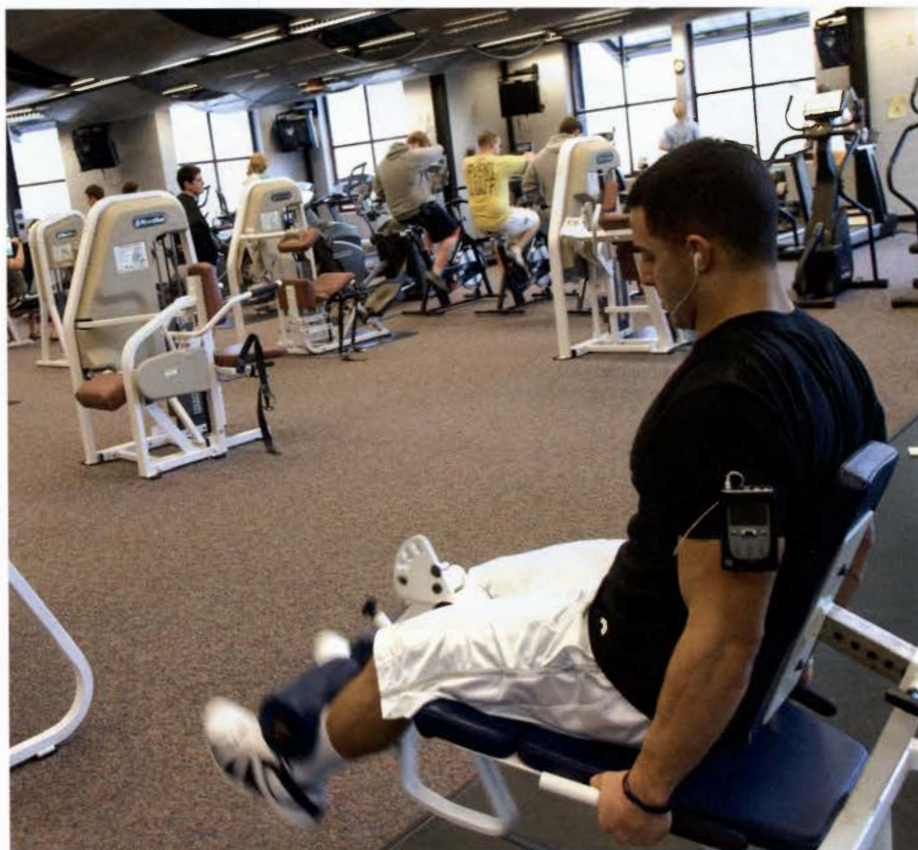
Dr. Robert E. Hamilton, LVC’s vice president for administration, has seen the impact of increased fuel costs. The College spent \$3.6 million, or 9 percent of its total budget, on operation and maintenance of its buildings in 2007.

The costs of construction materials, such as steel and lumber, have also spiked. “Inflation in construction materials has been disproportionate to the rest of the economy,” Hamilton said. Not only does this affect new building projects, but it also influences the cost of renovations and repairs.

In 2006, the College completed an analysis of its facilities. “It identified areas that needed to be addressed,” said Hamilton. “There’s been an increased effort to try and upgrade facilities and address some deferred maintenance.”

Costs over which the College has little or no control include the many budget items that reflect compliance with government regulations. For instance, hazardous waste disposal, which includes removal of materials such as paint, construction debris, and chemicals used in instruction, is significantly more expensive than it used to be, said Hamilton.

While the College formerly disposed of these materials in a safe manner, now it must document disposal and follow government-approved procedures. “We must have a program in place to maintain those records and to train people,” said Hamilton.



This may seem a trivial expense in relation to the College’s overall budget, but it is one of many relatively new government-mandated expenses completely beyond the College’s control.

Varsity Value

Overall, the business of producing and selling higher education is notably different from other industries. The College’s athletic program, which includes 21 NCAA Division III varsity sports and 440 student-athletes, is a good example. Given the cost of facility and field maintenance, equipment, and the ever-escalating cost of travel, it seems notably inefficient. “I don’t know how you balance the cost/benefit ratio,” said **Rick Beard ’90, M’92** athletics director. “We think the benefits to intercollegiate student-athletes do [outweigh the expenses], because it gives our students a broad-based experience.” A business guru might suggest cutting athletics, just due to cost. College administrators, faculty, and students don’t see it that way.

“There are so many intangible benefits

A wide variety of cardiovascular and weight-training equipment provides exercise opportunities for all students.

that student-athletes get from intercollegiate athletics,” said **Tim Flynn ’05**, director of sports information. “The lessons that our student-athletes learn on the field or in the gym parallel what they will encounter later in the business world and in life. Athletics helps teach things like leadership, teamwork, and fitness—all things that you can talk about in a classroom, but that need to be experienced to be truly learned.”

As MacDonald put it, “A company making salad bowls wants to make as many salad bowls as possible at the lowest possible cost. The standards of pure efficiency don’t work in higher education, and that includes athletics.” Indeed, a college education appears to be in a consumer category all its own. It’s hard to judge a four-year experience and a lifetime’s worth of learning in pure dollars and cents.

Laura Wood is a freelance writer from Wayne.

ANNOUNCING A SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY



*G. Daniel Massad,
Six Wooden Blocks,
2008, digital archival
print on paper,
22 x 21 1/2 inches*

The Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery at Lebanon Valley College is pleased to announce the availability of a digital archival print, **SIX WOODEN BLOCKS** by G. Daniel Massad, LVC's artist-in-residence. The edition is limited to 100 prints individually signed and numbered by the artist. The print measures 22 x 21 1/2 inches and is available at a price of \$275 for each unframed print. All proceeds benefit Lebanon Valley College's Art Acquisition Fund.



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A Conversation with **Rick Beard**

Since becoming athletic director (AD) at Lebanon Valley College in late summer 2007, **Rick Beard '90, M'92** has been a busy man—particularly in the fall, when he was juggling his new responsibilities as AD with his “other job” as defensive coordinator for the LVC football team.

Despite the hectic schedule, Beard found time to develop plans and ideas on how to improve the College's already successful athletic program while also maximizing its impact on both the student body and the surrounding community.

Beard recently took time out of his busy day to speak with local writer Pat Huggins about how he has adjusted to his new job and what he hopes the future holds for LVC's Athletic Department.

Huggins: You've been involved with the College as a student, coach, and administrator for quite some time now. What has it been like for you since you became athletic director?

Beard: (laughing) I guess I haven't had much time to think about it. It's really a privilege to be in this position. The people who came before me—**Bill McHenry**, **Lou Sorrentino '54**, **Kathy Tierney**—are great people who have done outstanding things. I hope to be able to carry on some of what they've done. I've enjoyed it immensely, and I'm likely to continue to enjoy it. And our administration has been outstanding. They've been so supportive. I hope we made this transition without missing a beat. We may have had a few stumbling blocks along the way, but I think we have kept it going in the right direction.

Huggins: What are some of your goals for the Athletic Department, and what are some initiatives you'd like to put in place?

Beard: Some of my goals as the AD are to make sure our programs are competitive, fun, and meaningful. Those three elements are very important to me and to LVC. We will certainly keep them in mind in the future as we deal with competitive sports and take initiatives to enhance our facilities.

Some of our facilities haven't been upgraded recently, such as our football facilities. And, there are turf options for field hockey and other multi-purpose surfaces.

I think we constantly have to look at our resources and prioritize. Venue enhancements should have an impact not only on athletics, but also on the student body as a whole. If we do have a multi-purpose surface, we have the ability to host intramural

competitions and to tie everything we do, whether it's recreation, wellness, or whatever, into one kind of venue.

From another standpoint, I'd like to enhance our marketing and promotions. I think we need to take better advantage of our venues. We can be a great source of family entertainment in our area. For \$25, a family of four can come here for a game and a hot dog, and they can have a great day.

Huggins: With that in mind, are you interested in having LVC use its facilities to host any PIAA (high school) state playoff events?

Beard: We're hindered a little bit by the timing of some of those events, because of parking issues. However, I am open to holiday tournaments, events like that, and summertime activities. When we do have our students away, I am definitely

interested in maximizing the use of our facilities—not necessarily as a revenue-producer, even though that's a plus. But I think it's a great recruiting tool, and that, in my mind, is more important.

Huggins: Tell us about the current status of Lebanon Valley's athletic programs. Obviously, some teams have been more successful than others, but in general, they are in good shape.

Beard: Certainly creating winning programs is a big part of my job. It is my responsibility to work with coaches to help develop plans so that they're successful. We all know winning is a heck of a lot more fun than losing.

You talk about student-athletes and student-athlete experiences, and they're all enhanced by winning. Is that the most important thing? Probably not. Is it important? Absolutely. Everybody wants to win. But at LVC, we're going to do it the right way. We're going to recruit the right student-athletes for our programs. We won't jeopardize admissions, financial aid, or anything. We're going to do it the right way, and we will win.

Obviously, we have certain programs that are better than others. We just have to look at those programs and try to develop them within LVC's means. What can LVC do, and how are we going to do that? We have to work hard. That's the only way I know how to accomplish this.

Huggins: As you know, the Athletic Department encourages teams at LVC to be actively involved in fund-raising events in the community, such as Relay for Life and the recent "Think Pink" fund-raiser for breast cancer awareness promoted by the women's basketball team. How pleased are you with the willingness of student-athletes to become involved in these causes?

Beard: Service learning helps our students become mature adults. It's funny to hear

"Some of my goals as AD are to make sure our programs are competitive, fun, and meaningful."

our freshmen ask, 'Why do I have to walk in Relay for Life?' And by the time they're juniors and seniors, they're leaders and captains, asking 'How do we do this?' and 'how do we do that?'

It's our responsibility to give back to our community, and I think our student-athletes certainly enjoy that. Those initiatives need to continue to grow.

Huggins: Are there plans to add any intercollegiate athletic programs at Lebanon Valley?

Beard: Lacrosse is something we've been throwing around for several years. It is a great fit for LVC, but it has to make sense. If there's a need for the sport and support from the administration to do it, we'll go for it.

Huggins: Looking back on the fall, how were you able to juggle all of your responsibilities and keep things running smoothly?

Beard: We made it, and that goes back to the staff. I am very fortunate to have an outstanding group. They made my transition easy. There are a lot of coaches who have been here a long time and understand LVC and understand the policies and procedures. I have two great assistant ADs in **Lauren Frankford** and **Stacey Hollinger** and a great secretary in **Pam Hillegas**. They're unbelievable.

Everybody on the staff pitched in to help. Out-of-season coaches were helping to supervise games when I had to be at football practice. It was just a great team effort. I think that's what we have here, an outstanding team.



Beard was a member of the College's football coaching staff for 15 years. Most recently, he served as defensive coordinator.

Creative Strategies

Support Science Research and Equipment

By Lauren McCartney Cusick P'08

The most expensive

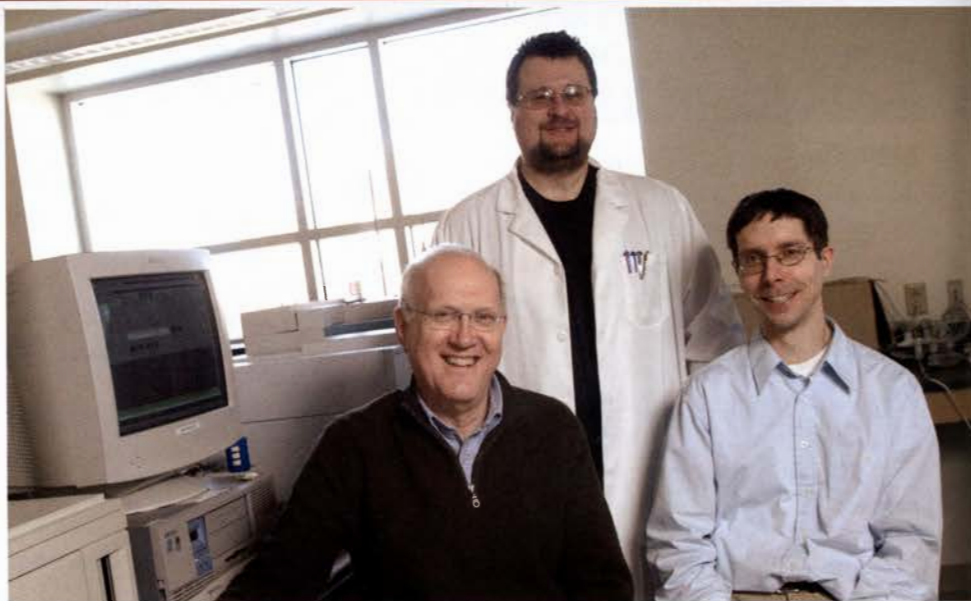
pieces of equipment many of us own are our cars. So it's pretty discouraging to realize that their value plummets by thousands of dollars the moment we drive off the dealer's lot. **Dr. Owen Moe** doesn't have much use for a car. He walks to work from his historic brick home across the street from the College.

But in his position as chair of LVC's Chemistry Department, where he is the Vernon and Doris Bishop Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, the rapid obsolescence of scientific equipment is a major, ongoing challenge.

Take the College's MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer, purchased in 2001 with a \$90,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). It helps to identify chemicals. Just seven years later, this expensive piece of equipment is already outdated.

LVC has a far-above-average track record for landing NSF grants for new instruments, but the NSF won't replace any equipment purchased with its previous grants. That's why the department is so grateful for private donations. Those donors—along with Moe's talent for piecing together funding solutions—keep the department's students equipped with the latest technology and the ability to do groundbreaking research.

By trading in the old MALDI spectrometer for \$80,000, and using a \$100,000 gift from the estate of **Dr. David Sheetz '48**, Moe had most of the \$200,000 he needed for the new spectrometer. The balance



(l. to r.) Dr. Owen Moe, Dr. Walter Patton, and Dr. Timothy Peelen

of funds needed for the spectrometer came from the department's annual budget and endowed funds, which also help pay summer research students who will use the new spectrometer for most of the next decade. The new MALDI spectrometer is now in use by students in the instrumental analysis laboratory and by others doing research projects.

The annual need for financial support is not limited to instrumentation. The Chemistry Department's summer research program, which funds five faculty members and 14 to 18 students, requires an additional \$60,000 to \$80,000 a year. It is paid for by external grants and endowed summer research funds.

Funding became easier in one six-month period recently when the Chemistry Department received a half million dollars. Some of it—\$300,000—came from grants, and the rest came from private donors. LVC has been awarded many more federal grants than the average small college, Moe said, because after decades of experience,

the faculty knows how to craft winning proposals. "You have to know what you're doing and what they're looking for," Moe said. "The more you demonstrate success, the more the funding agencies believe that you are capable of carrying out the project."

But it isn't easy writing those grant proposals. "It takes the lead writer 80 to 100 hours to create very long, thick, detailed proposals. They're hard to write," Moe said, "but the attention to detail generally pays off. Our success rate has been quite high for the past 15 to 20 years." More than 80 percent of the instrumentation grants from LVC chemistry have been funded—and that's unusual.

"We've been very aggressive over the years in getting research and equipment grants—and that's what it's all about in chemistry today," Moe said, "giving the students real-life research experiences, while using state-of-the-art instrumentation."

Lauren McCartney Cusick P'08 is director of media relations at LVC.

Recent NSF Grants Supporting the Sciences at LVC

Nanocatalyst Research

Dr. Anderson Marsh, assistant professor of chemistry, was the writer of this \$144,600 grant. The three-year project, "Selectivity Control in Ketone Hydrogenation on Nanoscale Platinum Catalysts," will use colloidal nanoparticles constructed from platinum to carry out chemical reactions important for pharmaceuticals, flavorings, and fragrances.

Interdisciplinary Laboratory Projects

This \$150,000 grant will support curriculum development at the interface of chemistry and biology by providing funds for the purchase of a Liquid Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer (LC-MS), a powerful new instrument for separating and identifying compounds. The grant proposal, written by **Dr. Timothy J. Peelen**, assistant professor of chemistry, outlines plans for developing three new interdisciplinary laboratory projects based on the use of LC-MS. Under the grant, faculty and students in the LVC Chemistry Department will develop three multi-week laboratory projects in the areas of pharmaceutical science, environmental analysis, and biochemical metabolism. The new projects will be used by students at LVC and will be published for use by other institutions.

Neurite-Outgrowth Research

Dr. Kristen Boeshore '92, assistant professor of biology, received a three-year, \$150,000 NSF grant to examine the underlying neurite-outgrowth promoting activity of spermidine. Knowledge of the mechanisms underlying successful nerve regeneration are of inestimable value to researchers studying spinal cord and other central and peripheral nervous system injuries and developing therapeutic strategies to treat neurodegenerative diseases. This work also will provide opportunities for undergraduate students to participate in an active research environment beyond the scope of typical classroom or laboratory instruction.

Research in Quantum Information Theory

Dr. David Lyons, associate professor of mathematical sciences, and **Dr. Scott Walck**, associate professor of physics, received a three-year, \$160,000 grant for research into the theoretical basis of a phenomenon called quantum entanglement that could lead to the development of a new type of quantum-based super computer. If such a computer ever becomes a reality, it has the potential to answer impossibly complex problems in seconds. The 2006 grant has been used to foster student-faculty interdepartmental research and has already led to numerous publications written by the professors and their summer research students. Their research has potential applications for computing, communication, and nanotechnology.

Recent Major Gifts Supporting the Sciences at LVC

Bequest from the Estate of Dr. David Sheetz '48

This \$100,000 gift allowed the Chemistry Department to upgrade its outmoded MALDI mass spectrometer. An earlier gift Sheetz, made some 30 years ago to endow the summer research program, is still paying dividends now, supporting summer research students who will be working on the new MALDI instrument. Sheetz was a senior vice president at The Dow Chemical Co., a director of research there, and later Dow's chief scientist.

Lockwood Endowed Research Fund

Dr. Tibor Sipos '64 provided \$100,000 to endow a new Karl Lockwood Undergraduate Research Fund. While a chemistry student at LVC, Sipos carried out an independent research project under the mentorship of **Dr. Lockwood**, a professor whom he credits with changing his life. Income from the fund supports two summer research students per year who study the enzymatic basis of inborn errors of metabolism associated with childhood diseases.

Rhodes and O'Donnell Endowed Physics Research Fund

The Rhodes and O'Donnell Endowed Physics Research Fund was established by the late **Dr. Agnes O'Donnell**, professor emerita of English, and **Dr. Elizabeth Bains '64**. They created this fund in honor of **Dr. Jacob "Jake" Rhodes '43** and in memory of **J. Robert "Bob" O'Donnell**, professors emeriti of physics. Together they had over 56 years of combined service to the College, and served as mentors and teachers to hundreds of students.

Chemistry major Kim Manbeck '10 conducts research using the new MALDI spectrometer.



Francis J. "Frank" Dixon Receives LVC's Founders Day Award

Francis J. "Frank" Dixon of Lebanon, who helped found and endow the Lebanon Campus of Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC), was honored Feb. 19 for his community leadership and philanthropy at the 29th annual Founders Day Convocation at Lebanon Valley College.

The LVC Founders Day award recognizes individuals whose character and leadership, in the spirit of the founders of Lebanon Valley College, contribute to the enhancement of life in central Pennsylvania. Also at the ceremony, LVC President Stephen C. MacDonald announced that the Wig and Buckle Theater Company was the winner of the President's Award. The award is given annually to a student group that contributes to the College mission and demonstrates vision, informed decision-making, and preparation for a life of service to others.

Dixon is CEO of Brandywine Recyclers, Inc., of Lebanon, which under his ownership has become one of the largest recycling companies in central Pennsylvania.

Nearly 20 years ago, Dixon donated a significant amount of money to the HACC Foundation to establish the Dixon Family Endowment, which was specifically created to help Lebanon County students pay for their HACC educations. At the same time, in 1989, Dixon created the Francis J. Dixon Foundation as a way for his family to help give back to the Lebanon community. To date, more than 2,000 individuals have received financial support, and in 2008 alone, 80 students will receive \$1,000 each to help them pay for their first and second years at HACC Lebanon.



Ground Broken for Stanson Hall



Ground was broken May 2 for Stanson Hall, named in honor of **Greg Stanson '63, P'92, P'95**, vice president *emeritus* for enrollment and student services. The new residence hall, planned to accommodate an enrollment growth to 1,700 students, will house 148 beds. It is being built on the site of a former parking lot on the corner of Sheridan Avenue and Railroad Street. The new building's gabled roofline will echo the architecture of the Vernon and Doris Bishop Library. All of the lost parking spaces will be replaced in an adjacent area.

Interfaith Banquets

"You'll never get students to eat ethnic food. You'll be lucky to get 50 people to come to an interfaith banquet." That's what some pessimists told **the Rev. Dr. Paul Fullmer** three years ago when, as LVC's new chaplain, he first suggested holding a series of dinners on campus to celebrate the feast days of the world's major religions.

The response he received from students was quite different. "So many students come for the food," he said. But he found they also had an appetite for something more. "In general, students have a hunger to experience cultures other than what they'd find in central Pennsylvania."

Apparently, that old saying about love: "The way to a man's heart is through his stomach," works for students, too. Fullmer appears to have found the perfect recipe for success. Start with a delicious ethnic meal. Add exotic music and dance, or perhaps a martial arts demonstration. And, top it all off with fascinating stories from religious leaders about their beliefs and their traditions—whether they are Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, Muslims, Christians, or Jews. Fullmer believes that the festive dinners not only open people's hearts, but also their minds.

Each of the 10 interfaith banquets over the last three years has attracted over 100 people, with community members and faculty joining the students. It helps that some professors on campus give extra credit to their students for attending, particularly **Dr. Renee Norris**, an assistant professor of music who teaches world music, or members of the Religion and Philosophy or Art departments. And, without the wholehearted support of Hallmark Services, which runs the campus dining halls, people would never



come back. "**Nick Milone**, Hallmark's general manager at LVC, said, 'Whatever you want, we'll do it,' Fullmer said, adding that chef **David Rittle** heads up the research on the ethnic foods, guided by members of each faith community that visits LVC.

As for those interfaith guests, Fullmer said, "Typically people are overjoyed to have the opportunity to get together and share and let people know about their traditions." And, the students are probably surprised to learn that everyone Fullmer has invited is based right here in central Pennsylvania.

MSE Students Develop Training Manuals for Haitian Teachers

Every morning before her first-grade students in the Derry Township School District enter her classroom, **Marianne Brace Purdy**, a current master of science education student, glances at a photo on her wall of a far less affluent group of students and teachers from Les Bon Samaritains school in Haiti. The photo is a framed thank-you gift to her for co-writing a teacher training manual on the best

practices for teaching science. She and another master of science education student,

Amanda Deibert '03, completed the manual as part of an independent study project.

"As a teacher, this has been one of the most rewarding experiences of my career," Purdy said. "I am not only making a difference for my students, but for students in another part of the world."

Two years ago, under the direction of MSE Adjunct Instructor **Jeff Remington**, Purdy and Deibert began work on the training manual to help elementary school teachers in the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere learn the best, research-based practices for teaching science. It is extremely rare for any formal science instruction to be offered in Haitian elementary schools.

Remington flew to the island nation of Haiti in November with the manual Purdy and Deibert wrote and used it during a teacher-training session he led at Les Bon Samaritains school. The LVC manual and training session were very well received.



Even though she has yet to travel to Haiti, Purdy said, "I have become emotionally attached to the children of Haiti. I hope to travel there someday to visit and teach science."

Her project partner, Deibert, agreed. "I am very proud to have had a part in the early development of a science program for Les Bon Samaritains school and hope to continue my involvement in this remarkable project."

"This project was challenging for several reasons," Deibert added. The teachers of Haiti speak French and live in the poorest of conditions. They have limited science equipment, and many of these teachers do not have experience with science inquiry skills. Any supplies donated to the school must be hand delivered, which makes it difficult to offer them books or science equipment.



MSE students **Marianne Brace Purdy** (left) and **Amanda Deibert '03** pose with the science training manual they created for students (above, left) at Les Bon Samaritains (above right) school in Haiti.

A Poem by Sally McNall Inspires an Interdisciplinary Performance

Six powerful words, all beginning with the letter "R," inspired California poet Dr. Sally McNall to create a poem, *Six Wooden Blocks*. Her poem also inspired her friend, LVC Artist-in-Residence **G. Daniel Massad**, to create a still life in pastel of the same name and LVC Music Professor **Dr. Scott Eggert** to create a musical composition.

Revenge, remorse, repentance, regret, remembrance, and release are the subject of all three works, all titled *Six Wooden Blocks*. The trio of artists gathered at LVC in late February for an unusual event that showcased the interdependence of poetry, painting, and music.

McNall read her poem, Eggert, aided by three internationally known musicians, premiered his chamber music, and Massad unveiled his painting. The artists repeated the event a day later at The Pennsylvania State University's Palmer Museum of Art in State College to kick off a solo show of Massad's work. One of the nation's most highly regarded artists who works in pastel, Massad displayed 15 of his works in the exhibition, which continues until the end of May.

A limited edition digital print of Massad's *Six Wooden Blocks* (see page 11) is available by contacting LVC's Suzanne H. Arnold Art Gallery at 717.867.6397. The print depicts a tall, still life of detritus, including six blocks (children's and printer's blocks) with the letter "R" on them.

Eggert's composition is a six-movement trio for violin, cello, and clarinet, with each movement inspired by one of the six "R" words. The trio also played three other chamber works by Eggert, including the world premiere of a piece called *Go*.

Composer **Dr. Scott Eggert** (left), poet **Dr. Sally McNall**, and artist **G. Daniel Massad** are pictured in the Suzanne H. Arnold Gallery with a print of Massad's still life, *Six Wooden Blocks*.



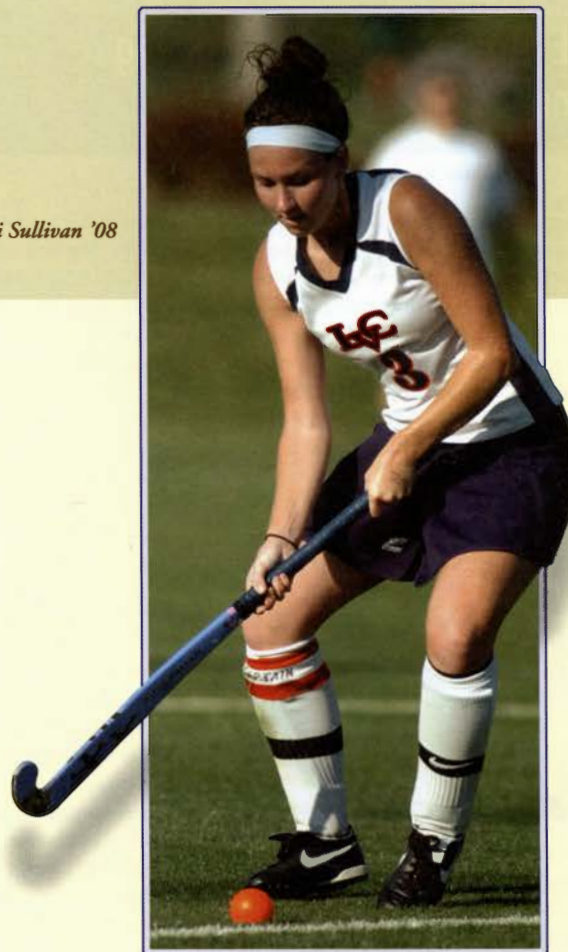
You Go Girls

Mimi Sullivan '08

The 2007–08 school year may well go down as one of the most memorable in recent history for Lebanon Valley College athletics. An NCAA final four appearance, three Commonwealth Conference championship game appearances, five conference playoff appearances, and three 20-win seasons later, the year has been a successful one for the Flying Dutchmen—and that's just through the fall and winter seasons.

The common thread through it all was the performance of some outstanding freshmen. Three LVC student-athletes earned Commonwealth Conference rookie of the year honors, and many more made impacts on their teams.

In the fall, the LVC field hockey squad made its second straight run to the NCAA final four after an unbeaten 19-0 regular season. The Dutchmen ran up against unbeaten and eventual national champion Bowdoin College in the NCAA semifinals, and gave the Polar Bears all they could handle despite losing 1-0. The team sported two All-Americans—**Mimi Sullivan '08** and **Alex Wolfe '09**—while Head Coach



Laurel Martin was named the regional and Commonwealth Conference Coach of the Year. Sullivan also earned her second consecutive conference player of the year honor, and **Shelly Lobach '11** was named the conference rookie of the year.

Meanwhile, in the gym, the volleyball team was busy posting its seventh-straight 20-win season with a 22-10 campaign that saw them advance to the Commonwealth Conference championship game and the ECAC South tournament. Under Head Coach **Wayne Perry '78**, the Dutchmen also sported the Commonwealth Conference Rookie of the Year in **Joelle Snyder '11**, who was also a first-team all-conference pick.

One of the best stories was saved for the winter, however. After a 7-17 season in 2006–07, the women's basketball team was picked fifth in the conference pre-season poll and wasn't even expected to make the playoffs. With second-year Head Coach **Todd Goclawski's** first recruiting class in place, the Dutchmen put four freshmen in the starting line-up and defied expectations by going 14-0 to start the season. The Valley went on to the Commonwealth Conference championship game, where it narrowly lost to eventual NCAA national finalist Messiah College, and earned a berth in the ECAC South tournament, advancing to the championship game. Their 24-6 record, compared to a year before, set a program record for wins and marked the best single-year improvement in NCAA Division III history. **Lori Lidlow '11** led the team in scoring and was named the Commonwealth Conference Co-Rookie of the Year, becoming the first freshman in 13 years to be named first-team all-conference.



Lori Lidlow '11

LVC Students Offer Free Tax Return Help

Lebanon County taxpayers who needed help with their federal, state, and local tax returns received that help for free from certified, volunteer tax preparers at the College thanks to a program initiated by **John Grigsby**, assistant professor of business administration. He founded the Lebanon Valley College Institute for Financial Literacy (LVCIFL) in spring 2007 to provide financial planning and counseling to residents of Lebanon County with low and moderate incomes.

Grigsby, along with 12 Lebanon Valley College student volunteers, were certified by the Internal Revenue Service to prepare tax returns as part of the "Money in Your Pocket" program. LVCIFL volunteers met with tax filers by appointment and on three "Super Saturdays" throughout the tax season. Lebanon County has one of the largest populations of illiterate and low-income individuals in Pennsylvania.

In summer 2007, LVCIFL entered into a partnership with the Community Action Commission in Harrisburg, the Lebanon County United Way, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue to train student volunteers at various local colleges, universities, and law schools.

The LVC students passed a grueling examination before they could be certified to assist taxpayers with federal, state, and local tax returns. In addition to tax preparation, LVCIFL offers free e-File services for both federal and Pennsylvania tax returns, including direct deposit of refunds.

The students have helped some 200 Lebanon County residents.

"Think Pink" Raises Over \$3,400 To Fight Breast Cancer

Lebanon Valley College's first-ever "Think Pink" women's basketball game on Feb. 6 raised more than \$3,400 for the American Cancer Society (ACS) of Lebanon to help in the fight against breast cancer.

LVC's match-up against Lycoming College drew a program-record 1,310 fans, and the two teams gave those in attendance a fantastic show as the Dutchmen pulled out a 76-75 win in overtime. In addition to a \$1,000 check from LVC presented to the ACS before the game, fan contributions added another \$2,400 to the total.

The "Think Pink" initiative was started by the Women's Basketball Coaches of America as a way to raise awareness about breast cancer.

Each year, more than 700 colleges and universities around the country participate in "Think Pink" games to show their support. Fans are encouraged to wear pink to the game, and LVC asked attendees to make a donation in lieu of an admission charge. "What a wonderful event it was, despite being about such a difficult subject as cancer," said LVC

Head Women's Coach **Todd Gocłowski**. "We talked about our challenges on the court and how they pale in comparison to someone experiencing that battle."

The night was full of raffle prizes and giveaways thanks to dozens of local businesses that supported the event. Local youth

league teams from Eastern Lebanon County and Annville Elementary schools played before the game and at halftime.

The College's major fund-raiser for cancer research is the Relay for Life. This year, LVC raised approximately \$35,000 at that event, which takes place each spring. For more information on the battle against breast cancer, visit the ACS at cancer.org.



LVC Volunteers Help to Rebuild New Orleans—Again

While many of their peers were relaxing on beaches, 26 students and eight staff members put in hours of hard work in Louisiana for Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge, one of the country's largest alternative spring break programs. They spent five days in early March helping to rebuild several houses in the New Orleans area that was hit hard by Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Donna Miller, readers' services librarian and a volunteer on the College's 2006 trip to New Orleans, knew that seeing the damage that still remains over two years after the hurricane would be a challenge.

"Some of the houses are fixed up and look normal," said Miller. "Others have been gutted and sit empty, and still others are gone and the foundations are all that remain." She said the upper Ninth Ward has few debris piles, "but still, plenty of houses had heavy damage—missing roofs, damaged roofs, or portions of the walls were gone."



And yet, she saw hope. "The Walgreens, which was the only store open two years ago, is now surrounded by other businesses that amazingly are open and look almost normal."

In addition to raising walls, shingling roofs, and caulking around windows and doors, volunteers spent time at a lo-



cal animal shelter. There, they walked dogs, cleaned cages, and helped to administer medications. They also helped remove brush and growth from the New Orleans State Park.

The Rev. Dr. Paul Fullmer, LVC's chaplain and trip organizer, said, "By the end of the week, not only had the students learned how to build a house, but they also saw how their actions can help improve people's lives by providing safe, decent, affordable shelter through a Habitat for Humanity home."

To view photos, volunteers' blog entries, and details of the trip, visit www.lvc.edu/about-lvc/katrina2008.



On March 12, nearly 500 faculty, staff, and students packed Synodinos Commons and gathered around the balcony of Lynch Memorial Hall to hear Chelsea Clinton as she campaigned for her "mom," presidential candidate Hillary Clinton. The visit was sponsored by the College Democrats.

Faculty at the Cinema

Dr. Christopher Brazfield, associate professor of mathematical sciences, and Dr. Christopher Heffner, visiting assistant professor of instrumental music, each provided *The Valley* with a list of their film favorites. See if you have any in common.

DR. BRAZFIELD RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Schindler's List**—One of the most powerful movie experiences of all time. As great as the others are, it's the only must-see on this list.
- 2. Star Wars**—While *The Empire Strikes Back* is the better movie, the original changed Hollywood and has shaped recent popular culture more than any other film.
- 3. Toy Story 2**—A technical marvel about the very adult issues of growing old, loyalty, and friendship. It's great that you can watch it with the kids, too.
- 4. Pulp Fiction**—Although I have a soft spot for *Reservoir Dogs*, Tarantino is at his best in this intertwined, sophisticated tale of crime and the criminals who commit it. The dialog is lyrical.
- 5. Unforgiven**—If there was any doubt that Clint Eastwood is one of the great filmmakers of our time, this elegant tale erases it.
- 6. Bad(der) Santa**—I've hurt myself laughing at this one.
- 7. Cool Hand Luke**—It is THE iconic story of indomitable will.
- 8. The Apostle**—Robert Duvall's story of a fallen man, a human who seeks redemption, is beautiful. If you think it's about hypocrisy, you missed the point.
- 9. A League of Their Own**—Every young girl should watch this one. It's also among the best sports movies out there.
- 10. Die xue jie tou (Bullet in the Head)**—John Woo's tale of justice and friendship. *Bullet in the Head* is the film that comes to mind when I think of Hong Kong cinema.

DR. HEFFNER RECOMMENDS:

- 1. Die Hard**—One of the greatest action movies ever made. I love the use of lighting by John McTiernan.
- 2. Evil Dead 2**—Great B movie. Sam Raimi before *Spiderman*. Great editing techniques, and Bruce Campbell makes movies epic.
- 3. Poltergeist**—One of my favorite horror films ... made my wife watch it on our first date.
- 4. Three O'Clock High**—A school nerd spends the entire day trying anything to get out of a fight with the most notorious school bully.
- 5. Raiders of the Lost Ark**—Best of the Indiana Jones flicks.
- 6. Jaws**—Who doesn't sing the theme to terrorize younger siblings while swimming?
- 7. The Empire Strikes Back**—Best of the Star Wars series.
- 8. Scream**—I love this movie, because it is smarter than a typical horror film.
- 9. John Carpenter's The Thing**—Fantastic movie ... Kurt Russell just as you like him.
- 10. Jackie Chan flicks**—I love 'em, and there are no wires (for the most part).

Students Memorialize War Dead in Social Justice Day Exhibit

LVC students assembled 3,849 small, wooden crosses for a Social Justice Day exhibit on Nov. 8. There was one cross for every U.S. fatality in the Iraq War up to that day. The exhibition on the Academic Quad was one of the few events last fall in central Pennsylvania designed to spark interest and discussion on the Iraq War and other concerns.

Materials on display focused on various global conflicts from the 20th century to the present. The students provided a number of donation cups in support of non-profit and global organizations that work to end injustices, including Amnesty International and the Southern Law Poverty Center. James Felton, director of multicultural affairs at LVC, helped students organize the event.



Students interested in social justice issues continued their commitment in January by giving up three days of their semester break to participate in the College's first Social Justice Institute. The institute, organized by the offices of Multicultural Affairs and Student Activities, offered a number of training modules on ableism, racism, classism, sexism, and heterosexuality.

class news & notes

NOTE: All locations are in Pennsylvania unless otherwise noted.

'40s

The Rev. Dale Beittel '45 and his wife, **Barbara Kolb Beittel '47**, are well and keeping active. Barbara is teaching a course sponsored by Marietta College's *Learning in Retirement* curriculum: "Understanding the Fundamentals of Music." Dale is pastor *emeritus* at Christ United Methodist Church, Marietta, Ohio.



Ralph T. Barnes Jr. '49 and his wife, Jasmine, reside at a retirement center in Fort Myers, Fla. They were able to attend their granddaughter's prep school graduation in Dallas, Texas, in June.

'50s

Willis H. Hackman '50 expressed his gratitude for the article on Mt. Gretna in the fall 2007 *The Valley* magazine. "The layout is elegant, the photography superb, the writing excellent," wrote Willis. "Thank you for stimulating memories of Mt. Gretna with your interesting and informative pieces." He related that several years ago he wrote a memoir for his extended family and friends, in which he included his Mt. Gretna recollections and experiences as a child in the 1930s. His many accomplishments since his LVC days include playing trombone professionally with the Alabama Orchestra, U.S. Air Force Band, Nashville Orchestra, and many dance bands. He is a professor *emeritus* of music at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tenn., where he taught for 32 years.

Joseph D. Rojahn '50 recently received the Dallastown Outstanding Citizen Award for outstanding betterment and development of the community. He was an administrator in the Dallastown Area Schools for 31 years, followed by 20 years of service as an adjunct professor in the education department at York



College of Pennsylvania. In addition to volunteering in many capacities in the borough, he has been music coordinator for 36 years at Bethlehem United Methodist Church, as well as the children's director for 25 years. He has been a tenor soloist in the York area for many years, and is a lyricist for various composers. His work has been published by such companies as Shawnee Press, Warner Bros. Music, and others. He and his wife, Carolyn, have been married 52 years. Their son is **David Rojahn '78**.

Floyd M. Baturin '51 is a partner in the law firm of Baturin & Baturin, which is celebrating its 90th anniversary of providing legal services to the greater Harrisburg area. The firm was founded in 1917 by M.S. Baturin; today, five family members representing three generations are active in the practice of law.

Richard "Shorty" Fields '51 and his wife, Lynne, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 18, 2007. Dick is a retired teacher and school administrator from the Lebanon School District and is now a state constable. He is board president of the Lebanon County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Program, a member of the Cleona Borough Council, the Lebanon-Dauphin Borough Association, the Pennsylvania State Borough Association, and the Renova Center board of directors. The Fields are members of Immanuel United Methodist Church in Cleona.

Ruth Anne Brown Zimmerman '51 retired in December 2006 after 13 years as a medical technologist at the Denver Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Colorado. She recently toured England and Ireland. While visiting family in September, she stopped by LVC's Alumni Programs Office. Ruth continues to sing in the Colorado Symphony Chorus.



At the young age of 80, **Bruce R. Kegerize '53** continues to take courses at the Evangelical School of Theology, Myerstown, to learn about the Bible. To date he has taken 16 courses.

Betty Criswell Hungerford '54 received a YWCA Tribute to Women of Excellence 2008 award. This award honors outstanding women who have made significant contributions to the communities and/or their companies or organizations. Her picture, as well as an article on the recipients, was published in the March 2008 issue of *Harrisburg Magazine*.

The Rev. Clarence D. Ulrich '55 and his wife, Pauline, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at Cornwall Manor, where they reside. Clarence is retired from Avon United Methodist Church in Lebanon.



Robert F. Doster '58 is an adjunct professor conducting the wind ensemble and teaching percussion at Polk Community College in Florida. His wife, **Barbara Geltz Doster '58**, is retired and enjoying her freedom.

Charlotte Pierson Frazier '58 was recently cast in the National Geographic documentary film, *Footsteps in the Sand*. Her book *The New Natural Cat: A Complete Guide for Finicky Owners*, first published in 1981, is being re-released this year in an expanded and updated version.

Glenda Wilson Kirker '58 recently retired after teaching more than 20 years in the state of California.

Bernard A. Buzgon, Esq., '59 was recently named the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce's Ambassador of the Year. In September 2007, he was selected as the Community

of Lebanon Association's Business Person of the Year.

The Hon. Wayne G. Hummer '59 recently retired after serving 28 years as a judge on the Lancaster County Court of Common Pleas.

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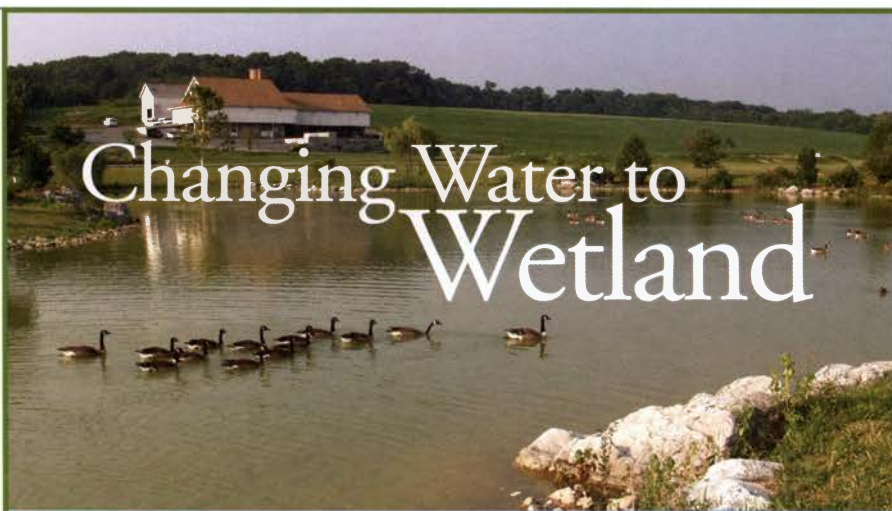
Nancy Kulp Thorner '60 visited LVC in August 2007 and was amazed at the changes to the campus. She said there was little she recognized from when she graduated in 1960.

The Rev. Dr. William "Willie" K. Glaser '61, retired since 2002, has been serving for the last four years as chaplain at Parker Valley Hope, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Colorado.

Marylouise Burke '62 opened on Broadway in November in a newly discovered play by Mark Twain, titled *Is He Dead?* The never-before-produced play was discovered by a Twain scholar in a file cabinet in a University of California library. David Ives adapted the piece for its world premiere at the Lyceum Theatre. Burke plays the role of a landlady in the comedy, which concerns a group of starving artists who stage the death of their mentor in an effort to increase the value of his work.

Kay Steiner Kelbley '62 is the director of the Family Services Bureau and Women's and Children's Emergency Shelter in Dayton, Ohio. Prior to this, she worked as a social worker for the Montgomery County Combined Health District, a Child Welfare supervisor and caseworker for the Montgomery County Children's Service Board, a medical social worker for both the Buffalo Children's Hospital and the Dayton Psychiatric Hospital, and a disaster caseworker for the American Red Cross. She serves on the boards of the Interfaith Hospital Network, the AIDS Foundation, and the Samaritan Advisory Committee. She is a charter member of the Emergency Housing Coalition, and was its chair. She has also chaired the Shelter Providers Committee of the Emergency Housing Coalition for nine years.

Robert Bollinger Lee '62 was recently inducted into the Arizona Broadcasters Hall of Fame. He worked at KMSB and KTTU



BY DR. SUSAN VERHOEK

Over a period of 30 years, a water feature at LVC has been a stream, then a lake, then a dry lake, and now a stream-fed wetland. This rapid ecological succession might have been the subject of much student study except that the College accelerated its pace. A small stream is fed by several springs to the north of the athletic fields road near Heilman Center. Back when the practice fields were farmland, the stream, in a ditch, divided the cornfield from the College property. The College subsequently purchased the farm and did extensive grading and landscaping to make a small lake, complete with bridge and a small island. The College even purchased black swans, and geese flocked there as well. But the water from the springs was warmed in the lake before it continued into the Quittapahilla Creek, which concerned the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), because it was too warm for aquatic life downstream. Then the lake sprang a leak and dried out, which concerned the Board of Trustees' Facilities Committee. Not knowing if the lake bottom could be plugged, the College made plans to restore the lake area back to a native wetland.

Now the stream meanders through a broad depression, ringed with such moisture-tolerant Pennsylvania trees as serviceberry, American sycamore, black gum, and bald cypress. Nearby, clumps of shrubs occupy the spaces where the Canada geese once congregated. Some of these, like the winterberry holly, are special cultivar selections previously planted to assure outstanding red color in winter. Wild variety native shrubs offer other interest or food and cover for various animals. Early in the spring, spicebush shows off with small yellow blooms, and later the spicebush butterfly caterpillars eat its leaves.

Animal cover is provided by arrowwood viburnum, smooth alder, red osier dogwood, and elderberry. Eventually, the elderberry shrubs's flat, lacy, white inflorescences treat birds, kids, and others to dark purple fruits. Closer to the water are plantings of blue iris and swamp mallow colored pink, red, or white. Living with these showy specimens are a mix of rushes and sedges, all with grassy leaves. True grasses and herbs from 70 species, in four environmentally specific wild plant seed mixes, will stud the wetlands area with flowers of milkweed, aster, partridge pea, spiderwort, bergamont, joe-pye-weed, and a host of others.

Given this start, the plan is then to let the wetland develop as it will. Happily, this beginning promises an annual changing panoply of color, seed, and animal visitors in the LVC wetlands. It will be a great place for nature lovers and students to explore.

Dr. Susan Verhoek is a professor of biology at Lebanon Valley College and the director of the LVC Arboretum.



For Alan Paynter, Diversity Has More Than One Meaning by Natalie Hope McDonald '97

If you had asked **Alan Paynter** what he wanted to be when he grew up, he might have said a dentist, a teacher, or a football player. But he probably wouldn't have said an admission counselor. Fortunately for LVC, after many years in the non-profit sector, Paynter now leads diversity recruitment on campus.

"My grandmother always preached that education is where it starts," said Paynter, a New Jersey native who holds degrees from both Kutztown and Duquesne universities. "I didn't know what I wanted to do, just that I wanted to do more with my life." It's one of the reasons this marathon runner has an innate understanding of what many incoming students are experiencing in their own young lives, and what it takes to beat the odds.

"His ability to build relationships with almost anyone is outstanding," said **William Brown Jr. '79**, LVC's vice president of enrollment. "People, particularly students, meet with him once and get an immediate sense of comfort."

Paynter's own sense of self grew out of a very influential relationship with his grandmother, Ethel R. Lawrence. She is considered to be the Rosa Parks of the affordable housing movement thanks to her advocacy for African-Americans and others from low- and moderate-income families, starting in the 1960s. Lawrence raised Paynter for many years when he was a young boy. "She used to say, 'They can take your money away. They can evict you. But they can't take away your degree,'" he said. "When you have an education, the sky's the limit."

His grandmother died in 1994 as Paynter was embarking on his undergraduate studies. He went on to play college football and to earn a master's degree. You might even say it was in his genes. The passionate sportsman's great uncle is a Penn State Hall of Famer who played for the Green Bay Packers in the first-ever Super Bowl.

During the six years Paynter has been at LVC, the energetic assistant director has launched several diversity initiatives, including Meet the Multicultural Admission Counselor, fondly known as "Meet the MAC." Paynter, along with counselors from more than a dozen other private colleges and universities in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, visits high schools throughout the region to discuss admission, financial aid, and academic programs. "When they get past the cows and the cornfields, students realize LVC is really in a wonderful place," he said.

"These high school students not only learn about each of the colleges, but the benefits of going to small liberal arts colleges," said **Keo Oura Kounlavong**, LVC's assistant director of admission, who helps Paynter with the tour. "We have also hosted campus visits by high schools that have a large minority population."

Paynter is planning more outreach within local communities. He also hopes to help develop a multicultural alumni group to invite back to campus for special events and to mentor students. "I want to be a resource as my grandmother was," said Paynter, who's already godfather to one alumnus' son. "I came here and found out what I wanted to be when I grew up," said the husband and father of three. Paynter's wife, Jennifer, is now a student on campus.

Former student **Greg Sneed '07** said Paynter was an invaluable resource when he was a freshman. "When I came to Lebanon Valley, I initially was alienated from the mainstream world of college," said Sneed, who's now working with Paynter to create a local alumni chapter of the international, predominately African-American fraternity Iota Phi Theta. Paynter was initiated into Iota Phi Theta at Kutztown in 1994 and started a chapter at LVC in 2003. "Being a minority on campus at first seemed weird; however, Alan helped me channel what I had already been aware of, which is that acceptance is possible from many people, from many different walks of life."

Natalie Hope McDonald '97 is a freelance writer in Philadelphia.



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Channel 18 as community relations coordinator and public affairs director for 10 years. His community assistance works include the Awareness House anti-drug abuse program; Open Inn, an organization that gives aid to runaways; and the Tucson Rape Crisis Center. He is vice president of the Tucson Pima Art Council and is a member of the ArtWORKS Academy board.

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Members of the Class of 1964 recently gathered in Las Vegas for a reunion. Attendees included (l. to r.) row 1: George Thomas, Janet Bisbing, Jude Cassel; row 2: Steve Hildreth, Hannah Pisle Kaufmann, Carl Sayers, Don Burns; row 3: Ken Lee, Walter Hampsher, Terry Lenker, Gary Castrischer, Don Kaufmann; and row 4: Ron Kresge, Jim Beck, Jon Yost.

Dr. Robert C. Lau '65, a local composer, educator, and church musician, had his choral and organ works featured by the Hinshaw Music Company at the annual *Celebration* workshop held in Raleigh, N.C., last August. Hinshaw is one of the leading music publishers in the U.S.

Since retiring in October 1994 after a 27-year career at the Army Research Lab in Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland, **Barry Lynn Reichard '65** has been working part-time as the farm tour and electrical manager at Cherry Crest Farm in Ronks.

Audrey Wahler Smith '65 and her husband, George, enjoyed a tour of Italy and a week in Tuscany with LVC friends, **Linda Slonaker Conrad '64** and Edgar "Ed" Conrad '64.

Dr. Robert Enck '67, a leading expert in palliative care, has joined the faculty of East Tennessee State University's James H. Quillen College of Medicine. He is the author of *The Medical Care of Terminally Ill Patients*, a book published in 1994, with a second edition in 2002. He is editor-in-chief of *The American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine* and the *Journal of Opioid Management*, a contributing editor to *Hospice Forum*, and a member of the editorial board for the *Journal of Healthcare Safety, Compliance and Infection Control*.

The Rev. Donald B. Kitchell '67 has been the pastor at Life Tabernacle Messianic Church in Gilmer, Texas, for 19 years. He is also in his 10th year as assistant band director at Gladewater middle and high schools.

Carol Clark Williams '67 was appointed poet laureate of York by Mayor **John Brenner '90**. Her duties for this two-year term include teaching workshops, organizing events, and having a special honorary role teaching poetry in the high schools. Over the years she has published several poetry books, and won a number of prizes for her poetry.



Capt. Michael D. Curley '68 was recently appointed associate director, Center for Research and Education in Special Environments (Medical School), at the University at Buffalo.

Jonna-Lynn (Jonalyn) Knauer Mandelbaum '69 had her book, *Malarial Fevers*, released by Dog Ear Publishing. It is a historical novel based on the diaries and personal papers of a pioneer missionary woman in Mozambique in the 1880s.

'70s

Larry A. Bowman '70, president of the Lebanon Valley Chamber of Commerce, has been elected to the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce Executives' board of directors.

Alumna's Career Path Leads to Homeland Security

by Lori Myers

When **Beth Jones '72** glances out her 11th floor office windows in Arlington, Va., the view is a constant and sobering reminder of her mission at the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The view extends from the Potomac River to Capitol Hill, the Washington Monument, and over the Pentagon.

After five years as a high school English teacher and 25 years in private industry, Jones is now the public liaison officer for the Transportation Security Administration at DHS. She has been in federal service for five years.

"The tragic events of 9/11 were definitely a factor in my coming to DHS," Jones explained. "On that fateful day, as a 23-year veteran employee at United Airlines, I stood in front of the television as that second aircraft slammed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center. I knew that something was terribly wrong."

She joined the department under the leadership of former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge, first secretary of Homeland Security. "It was an honor to transition to his department," said Jones. "He has many times referred to me as, 'the girl from Lebanon Valley,' and I have always found that to be endearing. I know that he thinks highly of our respected institution."

Jones holds a master of arts degree in American studies from The Pennsylvania State University, and was an English major during her undergraduate years at LVC. She was a cheerleader for all four years and a member of Delta Lambda Sigma sorority. Both her late parents received their undergraduate degrees from the Valley. She credits all of her professors for encouraging critical thinking and stressing the importance of good analytical skills especially, professors *emeriti* of English, **Dr. Art Ford '59** and the late **Dr. Agnes O'Donnell**.

"Our minds were stretched at the Valley," she said. "It was a difficult time in history. There was a lot going on in the world. We were in an insular environment, a small community, yet our professors were imploring us to think globally—but no one used the term 'global' then. They were preparing us for the 21st century."



Lori Myers is a freelance writer from Harrisburg.

All in the Family

by Pat Huggins



(l. to r.) Brothers Jason, Nathan, Christopher, Charles, and Adam Hansell

Since Jason Hansell arrived at Lebanon Valley College in the fall of 1995, at least one of the five Hansell brothers has either been enrolled at LVC or planning to enroll—a 16-year trend that's likely to continue until 2011 when Adam, a freshman, is slated to graduate.

Remarkable? Incredible? Unheard of? Maybe, but to the Hansell brothers, all graduates of nearby Lebanon High School, it was simply the right thing to do. Jason '99, Nathan '02, Chris '06, Charles '09, and Adam '11 have taken the tendency to follow in a sibling's footsteps to a whole new level.

"It always seemed like a natural progression," Nathan said of the family commitment to LVC. "It didn't really register before, but looking back now, it does seem odd. It was an independent decision for each of us. We never all set out to attend LVC, but we decided it was right for each of us."

"I honestly cannot tell you how it came about," said Jason, with a chuckle. "Our entire family is pretty close. I couldn't see any of us going too far from home. I think the biggest disagreement we ever had as kids was which cartoon to watch. I count my blessings. I feel we've all been fortunate to go to Lebanon Valley."

Not only do the brothers share the same college, they also share a deep interest in the same majors—and, in Jason's, Nathan's, and Chris' case, the same profession. All five of the brothers have majored, or plan to major, in either mathematics or physics at Lebanon Valley. And Jason, Nathan, and Chris have all chosen to become teachers. Jason and Nathan are maintaining their brotherly togetherness as physics teachers at Cedar Crest High School in South Lebanon Twp., while Chris is busy teaching math at his alma mater, Lebanon High. Charles, meanwhile, is majoring in math, and Adam plans to concentrate on physics in his studies. In addition, all five brothers are musically inclined. They all participated in marching band in high school.

At one time, Jason, Nathan, and Chris all taught at Cedar Crest at the same time, something that greatly amused them and confused some of their students. "It was always a hoot," said Jason. "The kids would come in and say, 'How many brothers do you have?' And we'd say, 'You've almost filled your Hansell quota for the day.'"

"We are all very math and science-oriented," said Nathan. "I love to talk physics with them. It gives us something to talk about around the dinner table." In Nathan's case, his love of physics was only enhanced by his experiences with Lebanon Valley's Physics Department. He continues to hold his physics professors in very high regard. In fact, Nathan occasionally still attends lectures at the College, and he has elected to pursue his master's degree at Lebanon Valley as well.

"What kept me here were the professors," said Nathan. "I do not have the words to speak highly enough of all of them. I still enjoy interacting with them."

The College has been a good fit financially for the Hansell family as well. "We've been fortunate with scholarships and grants, and the half-off tuition," said Jason. "I'm very thankful for that."

Pat Huggins is a freelance writer from Lebanon and a sports writer for the Lebanon Daily News.

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Dorothy Ann Bassett Lewis '70 is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Newtown Square Presbyterian Nursery School, as well as a therapeutic riding instructor for Reins of Life, which provides equestrian therapy for children and young adults with special needs.

The Rev. Dr. George Edwin Leiders '70 is senior pastor at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in State College. Ed served as president of the United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, for eight years. Prior to moving to Dayton, he was the conference council director for the Central PA Conference of the United Methodist Church in Harrisburg.

John Bitner '71 presented the Tom Lecture on Economics at the College to over 80 students this past fall. The lecture is named in honor of the late **Dr. C.F. Joseph Tom**, LVC *emeritus* professor of economics, who taught at the Valley for 35 years. John is the senior vice president and chief economist of the Eastern Investment Advisors and frequently appears on CNBC.

Paul S. Fisher '71 was honored with the Jim Vierdieck Award by the Professional Tennis Registry as the National High School Tennis Coach of the Year. He received the 2007 Braddock District Champion of Character by the Fairfax County Athletic Council and the Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services. Paul has been coaching tennis at Robinson Secondary School in Fairfax, Va., for 15 years.

Deborah Simmons Lawton '72 is the director of the Cummings Library at The Pine School in Hobe Sound, Fla. She has been recognized in *Who's Who in American Education*; *Who's Who in America*; and *Who's Who in American Women*.

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The Rev. Robert P. Glick '73 recently published a book, *With All Thy Mind: Worship That Honors the Way God Made Us* (The Alban Institute, 2006). He is in his 20th year of teaching at Erskine College and Theological Seminary, Due West, S.C.

Elizabeth Todd Lambert '73 is the first-ever chief executive officer of LancasterARTS. She is responsible for upgrading its web site and collaborating with the Downtown Investment District and the city to make Lancaster an arts destination.

After 33 years of teaching, **Scott T. Sener '73** recently retired from the Manheim Central School District. He was twice named Manheim Central Elementary Teacher of the Year.

Dr. Robert Bohlander '74 recently opened the Neurosensory Center of Eastern Pennsylvania in Kingston. It is a diagnostic and treatment center for neurological disorders including autism, dizziness, migraines, and ADHD.

Mary De Loache Jennings '74 recently conducted the Heritage Singers in performances of Ralph Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* and in recent productions of *Kiss Me Kate* and *The Sound of Music*. She is a choral adjudicator, clinician, and an American Choral Directors Association reviewer and board member.

Dr. Francis "Frank" Lichtner Jr. '75 is the director of agronomic integration reporting at T-Systems International, Inc., San Diego, Calif. His most recent assignments involve horticultural crop production, development of service businesses, and international trade.

Kenneth A. Seyfert '75 recently served as national moderator for the 2007 meetings of the Denominational Investment Loan Association held in Denver, Colo. He is the executive director for the national Grace Brethren Investment Foundation, Winona Lake, Ind.

Lynne Phifer Ashman '77 is a public health nurse for the Pennsylvania Department of Health in Chester.

Terry J. Bone '77 lives in Norway, where he repairs flutes and other woodwind instruments for professional players all over Norway and Scandinavia. He conducts an elementary band, freelances, teaches private lessons, and composes. He just finished his first compact disc of contemporary Christian worship songs in both Norwegian and English. In the summer, he travels to Bulgaria where he teaches at a Christian Arts Academy in Sofia.



Amy Hoopes Dellinger '78 was named Realtor of the Year by the Lebanon County Association of Realtors. She was one of six qualified finalists who were nominated. Amy is a realtor with Brownstone Real Estate, Hershey.

Jack L. Hobaugh Jr., Esq., '78 is a clerk for Chief Judge Tena Campbell in U.S. District Court, District of Utah, Salt Lake City. Jack received his law degree in May 2007 from the University of Denver Sturm College of Law.

Cheryl Blewitt Slavik '78 teaches music two days a week at the local elementary school and computer training at Computer Learning Services in San Diego, Calif.

Dr. John S. Snoke '78 has been re-elected to the Holy Spirit Hospital Ventures board of directors, where he has served as chair for the past three years.

Kathleen Lazo Talaat '78 received her certification as a registered corporate coach. She is a staff development manager at Community Living Alliance in Madison, Wis., and is an adjunct instructor in the College of Business at Cardinal Stritch University in Milwaukee.

Tracy E. Allgier-Baker '79 is co-author of a paper, "A Risk Stratification Tool to Assess Commercial Influences on Continuing Medical Education," published in the *Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions*. She is director of continuing education at the Penn State College of Medicine, Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Michael A. Setley, Esq., '79 and **Douglas P. Rauch, Esq., '85**, along with another local attorney, formed the law firm of Setley, Rauch & Bucolo, LLC. They are based in Wyomissing.

Building Character at Camp

by Christine Brandt Little

Pequea Valley Middle School principal **Erik Orndorff '93** is looking for a few good characters. For the past three summers, he and his brother Bob, assistant vice president of student affairs at The Pennsylvania State University, have organized and run a three-day character camp at Penn State for students entering 9th through 12th grades. The camp has recently attracted the attention of the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA), which last year awarded the brothers a grant to underwrite campers' tuition.

"We get about 60 to 70 kids," said Orndorff. "We set them up in teams and then try to get them outside of their comfort zones with activities like karaoke, volleyball, and rowing. They get to test their character and then look at what they can learn from their experiences. There's definitely a kind of a *Survivor* feel when they're competing against each other—only without the lions and tigers."

Together Orndorff and his brother have written three books on character education, and they are often called to speak on the topic at state and national conventions. A former elementary school teacher and assistant principal, Orndorff is currently working toward his doctorate in educational leadership at Immaculata College. For a time, he also coached football at Franklin & Marshall College.

Orndorff credits his years at LVC for teaching him the importance of good character. "I received a lot of individual attention that I wouldn't have received at other schools, and that really trained me on an academic level," he said. "But being a part of the football team and other extracurriculars, that's where the character development kicked in. I tell my students to get involved with extracurriculars—because why get one education when you can get two?"

"When it comes down to it, you get out of college what you put into it," he added. "Those are some words of wisdom from an old guy." Orndorff invites other old-timers to contact him at erik_orndorff@pvsd.k12.pa.us.

Christine Brandt Little is a freelance writer in Gettysburg.

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Lori Ann Morgan Celluzzi '80 is a senior patent paralegal with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in McLean, Va.

William M. Glose '81 is the regional director at American Management Association in New York City. He also owns Holly Hill Nurseries in Bethlehem.

Denise L. Achey '82 and Guy Berry exchanged wedding vows on July 28, 2007, in Frederick, Md. After 22 years as choral director and music department chair at Middletown High School in Maryland, Denise is now the general music teacher at Waverley Elementary School in Frederick.

Timothy J. Smith '82 is a product manager for IBM in Virginia. He and his wife, **Sara Wardell Smith '85**, are involved with the Westfield Virginia High School band boosters.



Michael LaPorta Jr. '83 is the principal at Freedom High School in the Bethlehem Area School District.

Dr. Clifford L. Leaman '83 recently returned from a trip to Chengdu and Shanghai, China, where he performed and taught at the Sichuan and Shanghai conservatories. A new compact disc he recorded with marimba player Scott Herring was released this spring.

Dr. Jeffrey S. Riehl '83 is an associate professor of music at the University of Richmond in Virginia. He has been the artistic director of the James River Singers since 2001, and is the director of music at Second Presbyterian Church in Richmond.

Brian C. Trust '83 is the senior vice president of investments at Scottish Re Life Corporation in Charlotte, N.C.

Gregory "Greg" A. Weaber '83 is the director of human resources at Cornwall Manor.

Carol Denison Brame '84 has been named to the board of the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Pennsylvania. She is a sixth- and seventh-grade teacher at Crossroads Middle School, New Cumberland, in the West Shore School District.



For the 31st consecutive year, members of Kappa Lambda Sigma had a summer reunion on the headwaters of the Delaware River near Narrowsburg, N.Y. After a day of riding the rapids through Skinners Falls, the brothers visited the Woodstock Music Festival Monument in Bethel, N.Y. Pictured (l. to r.) are Scott Cousin '86, Stanley Sullivan '86, Herb Hutchinson '84, Ken Fry '79, Jack Bolger '79, Rob McCallion '84, and Jim Bezanson '83. Missing from the photo are: Joe Myers '86, Kerry Kulp '78, and Ebe Helm '77.

Anthony "Tony" R. Lamberto '84 and **Heidi S. Bass '85** were married on July 28, 2007, on Nauset Beach, on Cape Cod. Their five sons served as the groomsmen, and their daughter served as the flower girl.

David B. Williams '85 and Clare Polson exchanged wedding vows on May 11, 2007, in the Bahamas.

Cynthia R. Johnston '87 recently received a fourth-degree *Sa Bom Nim* (Korean for "master instructor") black belt in tae kwon do. She is a lecturer in chemistry at LVC.

Gary Steven Kunkel '87 is a senior IT specialist at IBM in Middletown, N.J. He is also an elder, keyboard player, and webservant at Calvary Baptist Church in Oceanport, N.J.



Theodore D. Brosius '88 was recently elected to the board of managers at the East Shore YMCA. He is a certified public accountant and shareholder with Boles Metzger Brosius and Ritter of Susquehanna Township, Harrisburg.

Dr. Susan S. Hoskins '88 is the accounting coordinator at Kendal at Ithaca, Inc., in New York.

Walter S. Sheets '88, a partner with JRS Financial Services, LLC, in Camp Hill, recently completed an exclusive executive education program, *A New Model for Understanding Retirement Risk*. He was one of only 150 financial professionals from around the country to attend this special session.

Paul A. Smith '88 is an events producer in the information technology department at Susquehanna University, as well as an adjunct professor in the music department, teaching recording technology and production. He is also a partner in Saturation Acres Inc., a recording and production company in Danville.

M. Brent Trostle '88 is the assistant vice president of investment planning and analysis at Old Mutual Financial Network in Baltimore.

Linda Foerster Gardner '89 is employed by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as an international development strategist in the Department of Community and Economic Development, Harrisburg.

'90s

Dr. Camille DeClementi '90 and Paul Cole exchanged wedding vows in August 2005 in Champaign, Ill. Camille is certified by the American Board of Veterinary Toxicology and is the director of content and records management at the Urbana, Ill., ASPCA.

John E. Kline Jr. '90 has been named New Jersey's Teacher of the Year for 2007. John teaches seventh- and eighth-grade social studies at the Norwood Public School. He

received his master's degree in American history in 1993 from Rutgers University, and his master of arts for teachers degree in 1995 from Trenton State College.

Dr. Ignacio Birriel Jr. '91 is an associate professor of physics at Morehead State University in Kentucky.

Brian D. Wassell '91 was chosen by *Central Penn Business Journal* to receive a "Forty Under 40" award. The Forty Under 40 program recognizes 40 men and women under the age of 40 for their notable successes and demonstrations of strong leadership both within and outside their chosen field. Brian is a certified public accountant and partner in Trout, Ebersole & Groff, LLP, in Lancaster.

Nicole Grove Brubaker '92 and Barry Atticks, members of Elizabethtown-based duo Sol Siden, released a self-titled CD. For the past eight years, Nicole has been serving as a worship leader at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Elizabethtown.

Travis L. Emig '92 was recently promoted to director of pharmaceutical chemistry at Lancaster Laboratories.

Susan Leonard McClain '92 is a physical therapist with Bayada Nurses in Media.

Tawni Niklaus Thomas '92 and her husband, Mark, welcomed a daughter, Claire Isabelle, into their family on Oct. 10, 2007. As well as raising five children, Tawni homeschools her two oldest, teaches private piano, accompanies her church choir, and directs the children's choir.

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Christine Marie Engle '93 and Robert J. Frazier Jr. exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 6, 2007, in Lebanon. She is the travel services manager for AAA Central Penn in Harrisburg.

The Rev. Stephen Michael Hand '93 is the director of communications for the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Bronxville, N.Y. In August 2007, he received his master of divinity degree in theology from Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Ind.

LOST CLASS RING COMES FULL CIRCLE

By Jasmine Ammons Bucher '97

When Douglas Drennen received a call from a rental property tenant about a found class ring, he figured it belonged to a member of his wife's family—the original owners of the property. But Drennen discovered the ring's owner was not a relation and set out on a quest to return it to its rightful owner. Thanks to the help of Drennen and the LVC Office of Alumni Programs, **Thomas K. Thompson '72** was reunited with the class ring he lost more than 35 years ago.

"The ring was lost in a sofa in Lewisburg when I was dating my wife who at the time was getting her master's degree at Bucknell," said Thompson. "It must have remained under the sofa cushion all that time."

After finding the ring—still in Lewisburg—and discovering the insignia of Lebanon Valley College, Drennen contacted the alumni office through LVC's web site. He described the piece as marked with the 1972 class year and inscribed with the initials TKT. When they received the e-mail in mid-December of 2007, the LVC staff began their research and discovered Thompson was the only graduate of the 229-member class with matching initials.

When **Jayanne Hogate Hayward '01**, director of alumni programs, contacted Thompson, he shared his excitement and recounted the tale of losing the ring so many years before while dating his wife, Patricia. "We're still married," he reported, "and the College ring may be returning. Wow!"

Thompson, who now serves as senior health physicist for the Commercial and R&D branch of the Division of Nuclear Materials, Region I of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission in King of Prussia, contacted Drennen immediately. Within a week, he was reunited with his lost, cherished possession. He was filled with excitement and started 2008 feeling like a college kid again—well, maybe not exactly. "I will need to get it resized," admitted Thompson. "My fingers are thicker today than 35 years ago!"

Jasmine Ammons Bucher '97 is the College's assistant director of college relations for print and web and is an adjunct instructor in English.



Thompson sports the class ring he lost 35 years ago when dating his wife, Patricia (left).

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Joseph A. Marx '93 and **Jennifer Devine Marx '91** welcomed a daughter, Breanna Reagan, into their family on July 31, 2007. Joseph is a senior technical manager at GSI Commerce, headquartered in King of Prussia.

Denise Snyder Petrasic '93 is the laboratory chief for the City of Lebanon Authority Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Dr. J. Thomas Seddon IV '93 received his doctorate in musical arts from The Hartt School at the University of Hartford in Connecticut. He is an assistant professor of music at Central Connecticut State University, New Britain, Conn.

Dr. R. Thomas Stone '93 received his doctoral degree in educational administration in August 2006 from Penn State. He is the principal at H.C. Burgard Elementary School in the Manheim Central School District.

Kristina Laakko Stroh '93 and her husband, **Darren M. Stroh '94**, have founded All The Difference, Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to providing life-changing treatment services to children with developmental differences. Kristina is the director of operations for the organization. Darren is the eastern territory manager for SportsArt. They have three sons: Ryan, 8; Erik, 6; and Christopher Maxwell "Max," 4. Darren is the son of **Carroll Stroh '65** and **Donna Smith Stroh '66**.

Jennifer Reeder Decker '94 and her husband, Donnie, welcomed a son, Ty Aiden, into their family on March 4, 2007. Jennifer teaches fourth grade in the Bedford Area School District. She was included in *Who's Who Among American Teachers* for two consecutive years.

Deanna Sanders Russler '94 and her husband, Neil, welcomed their fifth child, Kyson, into their family on Aug. 22, 2007. Deanna received her certification in secondary biology in December 2006 from Penn State. She is a biology teacher at the Lewis-town Area High School in the Mifflin County School District.

Craig S. Campbell '95 and his wife, Ingrid, welcomed a daughter, Isabella Marguerite Charis, into their family on Dec. 30, 2007.

Jeffrey "Jeff" P. Drummond '95 is a human resource management systems consultant at EMC Corporation in Research Triangle Park, N.C.

Mark R. Hofsass '95 is the head boys' basketball coach at Lower Dauphin High School in Hummelstown.

Dr. Kevin Jan Poole '95 and Wendy Jo Hammaker exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 16, 2006, in Harrisburg. Kevin is a partner with Family First Medical in Lancaster.

Kevin M. Shertz '95 was awarded a 2007 citation for architectural excellence for Hollywood Beach House, a new single-family residence located in Chesapeake City, Md. Kevin is a self-employed architect and a member of the American Institute of Architects.

Timothy J. Terrell '95 and his wife, Jen, welcomed a son, Brandon, into their family on Oct. 5, 2007.

Melissa Anderson Wilcox '95 and her husband, Mike, welcomed a son, Nolan Everett, into their family on July 5, 2007.

Pamela V. Lambert '96 is the director of major gifts at the Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center and Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey.

Christine J. Sabas, Esq., '96 opened her own business, the Law Office of Christine J. Sabas, in Selingsgrove. She received her law degree in May 2001 from The Penn State Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle.

Brian T. Stover '96 and his wife, Ellen, welcomed a son, Benjamin Ellis, into their family on Aug. 7, 2007. Brian is the sales consulting manager at Oracle Corporation.

Rebecca Ragno Talaia '96 and her husband, Gerald, welcomed a daughter, Hannah Celeste, into their family in June 2007. Rebecca is a fourth-grade teacher in the Wayland School District in Massachusetts.

Jennifer Yohn Tobin '96 is a doctoral student at The Pennsylvania State University in the adult education program. She is also an adjunct faculty member at Harrisburg Area Community College, in addition to teaching English full time at Cedar Crest High School. Her husband, **Greg D. Tobin III '96**, finished the New York City Marathon in November 2005.

Laura M. Tolbert '96 and J.R. Fletcher were married on July 27, 2007. Laura teaches fifth grade in the Chesterfield County Public Schools in Virginia.

Jennifer Stites Zdaniewicz '96 and her husband, Stephen, welcomed a son, Logan Joseph, into their family on April 10, 2007.

Erica Schneck Marinelli '97 recently started a jewelry design business. Her designs are sold on Newbury Street in Boston as well as in Salem, Mass.

Betty Dommel Tompos M'97 is the interim president of Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology. She is the college's vice president for finance and administration, a post she has held since 2000.

Staci Kowalczyk Wisniewski '97 is a fifth-grade teacher at Annville Elementary School. Her husband, **Nathan Wisniewski '97**, is manager of pharmaceutical product testing at Lancaster Laboratories.

David W. Wright '97 is the assistant principal at Central Dauphin High School in Harrisburg.



Melissa-Ann Pero Bodan '98 and her husband, **Michael A. Bodan '00**, welcomed a daughter, Dempsey Elizabeth, into their family on Dec. 20, 2007.

Elizabeth Masessa Carmona '98 and **Willy M. Carmona '98** welcomed a son, Xander Luis Antonio, into their family on April 16, 2007. Elizabeth is band director at Fernbrook and Shongum schools in the Randolph Township School District in New Jersey. Willy is pursuing a professional music career.

Angela Coval Godfrey '98 and her husband, Daniel, welcomed a daughter, Abigail Marie, into their family on July 16, 2007.

Richard S. Hornberger '98 is the principal at Fredericksburg Elementary School in the Northern Lebanon School District.

Jonathan Lee Kellogg, son of **Wendy Bieber Kellogg '98** and **Douglas Lee Kellogg '98**, celebrated his second birthday in February. Wendy is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom, as well as playing the organ at Hill United Church of Christ in Cleona. Doug teaches science in the Ephrata Area School District.

Giving Back to the Valley

by Cindy Progin '04

Dr. Raymond Schaak '98 is an associate professor of chemistry at Penn State, University Park. He has received a National Science Foundation CAREER award, Beckman Young Investigator Award, DuPont Young Professor Grant, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Research Fellowship, and a Camille Dreyfus Teacher Scholar Award. He is currently a guest editor for the *Journal of Solid State Chemistry*, putting together an August 2008 issue on "Solid State Chemistry at the Nanoscale: Achievements, Opportunities, and Challenges."

William M. Schwartz '98 and his wife, Kristi, welcomed a son, Nathan Duane, into their family on Sept. 19, 2007. William is a financial consultant at Provident Bank in Baltimore and is currently pursuing his master of business administration degree at the University of Maryland University College.

Michael G. Uhler '98 is a global supply chain optimization specialist with The Hershey Company.

Erin Rabuck Arva '99 and her husband, David, welcomed a son, Benjamin David, into their family on Jan. 3, 2008. Erin is a public involvement and communications specialist with Gannett Fleming, Inc., in Camp Hill.

Cynthia Ensminger Goshorn '99 is the head of the legal/financial department at the corporate office of Workplace Options, Inc., in Raleigh, NC.

Jennifer Lynn Martin '99 and Matthew Ryan Weneck Sr. exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 20, 2007, in Jonestown. Jennifer is a quality assurance manager at Hain Pure Protein Corp. in Fredericksburg.

TSgt. Lori Moyer McCarty '99 was recently promoted to the rank of technical sergeant in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. She is employed by the Pennsylvania National Guard Counterdrug Program at Ft. Indiantown Gap as the personnel NCO.

Tabitha Mains McQuiddy '99 is a house parent for Milton Hershey School.

Beth Curley Myers '99 and her husband, **G. Scott Myers '99**, welcomed a daughter, Lauren Elaine, into their family on April 11, 2007. Beth is an internal sales manager with Lincoln Financial Distributors in Philadelphia. Scott is a senior tax accountant at Beard Miller Company in York.

Ryan Arnold '03 does not hesitate when asked why he gives to his alma mater. "Because it is the right thing to do," he responded. "We wouldn't consider not giving back." He and his wife, Ann, are members of the Walter Society for consecutive giving and Vickroy GOLD members as young leadership givers. Arnold feels passionately about giving back to the institution that helped prepare him for his future. "Ann feels just as passionate about LVC as I do, and she graduated from another institution," he explained.

Arnold felt like part of the LVC community long before he enrolled. He and his family were fans of LVC basketball, witnessing first-hand the precision of **Andy Panko '99** and his teammates. The Arnolds were also regulars at the summer Mt. Gretna book series. And, during their high school years, he and Ann participated in the LVC Quiz Bowls.

Still, he never really saw himself matriculating at the Valley.

It was the newly introduced Physical Therapy Program that first made him look at LVC, and it was the Vickroy Scholarship that clinched the deal. "Without the Vickroy Scholarship," Arnold said, "I could not have attended LVC; I couldn't even have applied there." Then, when the PT Program accreditation was delayed and he was given the choice to transfer his credits elsewhere or stay and change his major, he decided to stay. And he's glad he did.

"I couldn't imagine going anywhere else," reflected Arnold. "LVC is an integral part of our lives." The close-knit atmosphere agreed with Arnold. Immersing himself in campus life, he was, among many things, a member of the tennis team, a manager for the ice hockey team, a resident assistant, and a student trustee.

But it's the "extraordinary number of great people at LVC that I will remember most," Arnold said—from his professors who taught him how to communicate and think, to the Study Abroad staff, who helped him to spend a semester in London, to former Ice Hockey Coach **Al MacCormack**, and so many others.

Among Arnold's many cherished memories of LVC is the time he served as a student trustee. "**John Walter '53, H'06**" used to say that there were three things he treasured most: God, family, and LVC." Both Ryan and Ann feel that same passion for LVC, which is why they give back. "The key is to give, not how much you give," explained Arnold.



Ryan and Ann Arnold

Cindy Progin '04 is director of advancement research at LVC.

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Keith D. Richardson '99 received his master's degree in music education in May 2007 from Duquesne University. He is the director of bands in the Central Dauphin School District, Harrisburg.

Jessica Bostdorf Ritchie '99, M'06 and **Dr. Jeffrey Ritchie** welcomed a son, Colin William, into their family on Sept. 27, 2007. Jessica is the director of major gifts at LVC, and Jeff is an assistant professor of English and digital communications at the College.

Alicia Way Showalter '99 and her husband, Ian, welcomed a son, Beckett Grey, into their family on Aug. 29, 2007.

Patricia Reich Stroup '99 is a business systems analyst at Source Interlink in Harrisburg.

Marcia Tumpsey Weigle '99 and her husband, **Douglas Weigle '99**, welcomed a son, Luke Zander, into their family on Dec. 24, 2007.

Mark W. Wells '99 is a guidance counselor at Delcastle Technical High School in the New Castle County Vocational Technical School District, Wilmington, Del. He was named Delcastle Technical High School's Rookie of the Year. He received Delaware's Youth to Eliminate Loss of Life's (YELL) adult leadership award for providing outstanding leadership to the Delcastle Technical High School's YELL. He is also working as the evening administrator for James H. Groves' Adult High School in Wilmington.

Rayna Schell Wilson '99 and her husband, **Jeremy D. Wilson '98**, welcomed a daughter, Elizabeth Naomi, into their family on Oct. 4, 2007.

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Jessica Schneider Bender '00 and her husband, Stephen, welcomed a son, Ryan Christopher, into their family on July 23, 2007. Jessica earned her master's degree in September 2006 from Loyola College of Maryland. She is a reading specialist at Dundalk Elementary School in Baltimore County.

Kimberly Zang Brewer '00 is the director of quality at Keystone Residence in Harrisburg. In May 2007, she earned her qualification as a licensed social worker in Pennsylvania.

Ann Musser Davis '00 and her husband, **Nathaniel "Nate" K. Davis '00**, welcomed

a son, Maxon Nathaniel, into their family on Oct. 8, 2007. Nate is an assistant women's track and field coach at the University of Wisconsin.

Melissa George McGruther '00 and her husband, Dominic, welcomed a son, Logan Gene, into their family on Sept. 4, 2007. Melissa is the director of education at Sylvan Learning Center in Harrisburg.

Sherri L. Popejoy '00 and Tony Morgan exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 27, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel.

'01s

Heather A. Domaracki '01 and Stephen Sharp exchanged wedding vows on July 21, 2007, in Hummelstown. Heather is a fifth-grade teacher for Connections Academy, a virtual public school provider that allows students to attend class from home.

Clint Eisenhower '01 and Emily Stricker exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 11, 2007, in Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Clint is a research and project specialist for Auditor General Jack Wagner in Harrisburg.

Melinda S. Gordon '01 and **Justin P. McMaster '00** exchanged wedding vows on June 15, 2007, on Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas cruise ship while docked in Key West, Fla. Melinda is a financial analyst for Carlisle Construction Materials, and Justin is a financial analyst for Johnson Controls, York.

Jayanne Hogate Hayward '01 was promoted to director of alumni programs at LVC after serving two years as the assistant director.

Amanda L. Holmes '01 is an eligibility specialist for the Department of Health and Human Services in Augusta, Maine.

Steven R. Horst, Esq., '01 is an associate counsel at CampusDoor, Inc., in Carlisle. CampusDoor, Inc. is part of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB.

Eugene "Gene" Kelly III '01 recently received the Paul Harris Fellow Award from Rotary International. The award recognizes people whose community service represents the ideals of the Rotary. Gene is the assistant director of student activities and student development at LVC.

Tera Irmen Koehler '01 and her husband, Jesse, welcomed a daughter, Emma Louise, into their family on May 21, 2007. Tera is a middle school learning support teacher at Conestoga Valley School District in Lancaster.

Jodie Weaver Reinhart '01 is the vice president and chief financial officer for the Susquehanna Association for the Blind and Vision Impaired in Lancaster.

Leah S. Sernoffsky '01 and Jack O'Leary exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 18, 2007, in Lederach. Leah is the office manager at Fox Machinery Associates, Inc., in Bridgeport.

Lynn Tenley Shapiro '01 is an assistant to the registrar/secretary at LVC.

Maggie L. Simonton '01 is teaching full-day kindergarten at Fairview Christian School in Seattle, Wash.

Drew R. Smith '01 is an assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Becky S. Tice '01 and Bradley Griffiths exchanged wedding vows on July 28, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel.

Janel Dennis Wyatt '01 is a sixth-grade teacher at Lake Forest Central Elementary School in the Lake Forest School District, Felton, Del.

Christopher D. Ziegler '01 and his wife, Molly, welcomed a daughter, Kelsey Beth, into their family on July 9, 2007.

'02s

Kendra L. Atkinson '02 and Christopher J. Hoffman exchanged wedding vows on June 23, 2007 in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. **Natalie Taylor Kratzer '02, Amy Zellers Shrader '00, and Jenah MacDonald '02** were in the bridal party. LVC alumni in attendance included Kendra's aunt, **Barbara Macaw Atkinson '67, Judy Heiser Taylor '75, Greg Kratzer '00, Eric Shrader '01, and Mat Edgcomb '01.** A marriage blessing and vow renewal, performed by the **Rev. Christopher Rankin '01**, was held Aug. 4, 2007 at Newton Lake, Greenfield Township. **Jay Stanton '66, Beth Seidenstricker '01, Jen Wood '01, Becca Drayer Weaver '01, Jason Weaver '02, Jen Stover '02, Eileen Golias Bowlby '02, Trisha Fatula Zellers '02, Brian Zellers '02, Jen Smolenski**

HITTING HER STRIDE: Running for a Cure

BY PAT HUGGINS

There was a time not so long ago, when **Brynne Keeley '09** didn't consider herself to be much of an athlete. However, the junior physical therapy/Spanish major did sometimes think of herself as a self-involved college student. Turns out she was wrong on both counts—very wrong, as a matter of fact.

Non-athletes don't run marathons, and self-involved college students certainly don't spend large portions of their free time raising over \$4,000 for cancer research. The Lancaster native did both last year through her involvement with the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Team in Training Program.

The largest endurance sports training program in the world, Team in Training provides participants with the necessary training to run or walk marathons or half marathons, or take part in triathlons or century (100-mile) bike rides. In return, those who participate in the program agree to help raise funds for leukemia, lymphoma, and myeloma research as they work toward competing in their chosen event. Since its inception in 1988, Team in Training has raised more than \$850 million through the work of over 360,000 volunteers—people like Brynne Keeley who simply wanted to make a difference, and did.

"I feel less like a selfish college kid now," said Keeley, who ended up raising \$4,100 by competing in the San Francisco Nike Women's Marathon in October. "I was actually doing something and helping others. It makes me feel better. I wasn't just loafing off my parents."

That Keeley ended up running a marathon was surprising to many who know her at LVC. A student athletic trainer at Lebanon Valley, Keeley was a swimmer at Conestoga Valley High School and works out regularly. But neither she nor her friends saw her as an athlete until recently.

"A lot of people found out afterward," said Keeley of her participation in the San Francisco event. "They were like, 'Oh my God, you ran a marathon? Of anybody, I wouldn't have thought it would be you.' Because I was never an athlete, they were so shocked."

Keeley learned about Team in Training two years ago, but was unable to participate then because she spent the fall of her sophomore year studying abroad in Spain. But she jumped at the opportunity to take part last year. Despite the grueling training, she was quite glad she did. Like many who give their time and efforts to charitable causes, Keeley ended up getting back

Brynne Keeley '09 (right)

as much or more as she gave. Considering the time she put into fund raising as well as training, that's saying quite a bit.

"I totally believe that in giving to others, you get more than you're actually giving," said Keeley.

Keeley was touched when she met those who were battling the disease, including two central Pennsylvania residents, an 8-year-old boy and an older adult male for whom she was assigned to run.

"Before that, it was just dollar signs, trying to get to the amount of donations needed," said Keeley. "But when you actually see the people who've gotten the support from the money you've donated, it makes you feel even better."

So what about the actual marathon? How did that go? "It was something. It was hard," Keeley laughed. "I started off a lot faster than I should have, but it went really well. I ended up getting a blister at mile three, and didn't take care of it until mile 21, so that was tough. But it wasn't too bad. They talk about runners hitting a wall, and I definitely hit it. But I was able to run through it."

"Afterward, it feels amazing—just the sense of accomplishment. You have so much pride in yourself and self-confidence. It's one of those things you want to go and tell everybody about."

Not surprisingly, Keeley encourages others to get involved in Team in Training, especially those who would like to help others but don't believe they could ever do so by running a marathon.

"Do it, commit to it," is Keeley's advice. "I was trying to get all of my roommates to do it, but when I got home after my 20-miler [a training run] they just looked at me like, 'Never.' They saw all my blisters, and that I had to walk backwards down the stairs after the marathon because my quads hurt so badly. I think I scared them off, but I wish I hadn't. Because the way Team in Training prepares you, anybody can run a marathon, absolutely anybody."

Pat Huggins is a freelance writer from Lebanon and a sportswriter for the Lebanon Daily News.



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Slicks '02, Darryl Slicks '02, Mandy Stevenson '03, and Kim McDonald '04 were in attendance. Kendra teaches literature and journalism at Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School in Plymouth Meeting. She is also the newspaper advisor and the sprint coach for the varsity track and field team.

Timothy John Belloff '02 and Amy Lee Seagreaves '04 exchanged wedding vows on July 1, 2006, in Perkasie. **Natasha Nicholson '03, Curt Stanton '01, and Natalie Stitzer Stanton '01** were in the wedding party. Tim is a teacher/athletic director at Penn Wood Middle School in the William Penn School District in Darby. Amy is a middle school science teacher in the Allentown School District.

Melanie E. Boyd '02 and Michael Fink exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 17, 2007, in Breinigsville. **Jennifer Davis '02 and Jennifer Keller '04** were in the wedding party. Melanie is the manager/co-owner of Mike Fink's Greenhouse and Farm Market LLC in Breinigsville.

Lisa Ann Bunda '02 and Brock Andrew Hoover '03 exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 4, 2007, in Catasauqua. **Abby Welsh '02** served as maid of honor while **Matt Longenecker '03 and Brent Hoffman '03** served as groomsmen. **Mic Bender '03, Ken McFadden '03, Liana Voinier '03, Michelle Lomas '02, and Marisa Stoner '03** were in attendance. Lisa is an account manager for PulseDirect in Elizabethtown. Brock is a fourth-grade teacher at Jackson Elementary School in the Eastern Lebanon County School District, Myerstown.

Corinne "Connie" Erb '02 is a violin teacher at The Pennsylvania Academy of Music in Lancaster. She is in the process of obtaining her certificate in Dalcroze Eurhythmics at Carnegie Mellon University.

Lois E. Fegan '02 is a senior research analyst with the Virginia Department of Corrections.

Lindsay Weymouth Grow '02 and Jonathan R. Grow '02 welcomed a son, Brock Lawrence, into their family on Nov. 24, 2007.

Erika Smelter Haak M'02 and her husband, **Christopher T. Haak '97**, welcomed a son, Samuel Thomas, into their family on Dec. 4, 2007. Chris is a compensation manager for Cephalon, Inc., in Frazer, and Erika is a homemaker.

John Christopher Havran '02 and Joanna M. Bissell '02 exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 30, 2007, in Baltimore. **Christina Clarkson '02, Barry Enzman '74, Kyle Ermer '03, Kimberly Huch-Bartosik '01, Dorcinda Knauth '02, and Mary Lingenfelter '02** were in attendance.

James M. Lawlor '02 is the Pennsylvania marketing manager for First Cardinal LLC, a company specializing in worker's compensation.



Michelle Lynn Lomas '02 and Andrew Clifford Heizmann '02

Michelle Lynn Lomas '02 and Andrew Clifford Heizmann '02 exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 26, 2007, in Blue Bell. The Rev. Christopher Rankin '01 officiated at the ceremony. **Craig Underwood '99** served as the best man, and **Dan Post '99** served as a groomsman. **Lisa Epting Underwood '98, Alli Henry Post '98, Stephanie Hartman McBain '02, Abby Smith '02, Jeff Getz '02, Rachel Bailey '03, Shirley Heizmann Wunsch '56, aunt of the groom, Ken Matz '69, Donna Bridge Heberlig '67, and Deborah Buchanan Eskin '69** were in attendance. **Caroline Trupp Heizmann '67 and Clifford L. Heizmann '67** are the groom's parents. Michelle is a fifth-grade learning support teacher in the Boyertown School District, and Andrew teaches music at Stewart Middle School in Jeffersonville.

Thomas "Tommy" J. Long Jr. '02 is the athletic director at Ephrata High School. He also serves as the director of school activities and facilities.

Amanda L. Mill '02 is the director of bands at the Upper Perkiomen High School, Pennsburg.

Kerri Gasser Schaaf '02 is an early intervention supervisor at Lebanon County Mental Health/Mental Retardation.

Amber A. Shotwell '02 and Scott Schilling '03 were married on July 14, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel. Amber works in the recruiting department at Chico's FAS in Ft. Myers, Fla. Scott is the owner of Gulf Coast Hockey Plus, an ice hockey and lacrosse supply store, in Estero, Fla.

Dr. Ellen L. Shughart '02 and William G. Holthoff exchanged wedding vows on Jan. 13, 2007, in Lancaster. **Danielle McMaster '02** was maid of honor and **Amy Shoemaker Ovuka '02** served as a bridesmaid.

David R. Warner Jr., Esq., '02 is an associate attorney at Buzgon Davis Law Offices in Lebanon. He received his juris doctorate in May 2007 from the Widener University School of Law.

Maggie Holman Weagley '02 and her husband, Brian, welcomed a son, Brodie Christopher, into their family on May 15, 2007.

Trisha Fatula Zellers '02 and Brian Zellers '02 welcomed a daughter, Kylee Jane Olive, into their family on July 14, 2007. Kylee is the niece of **Traci Fatula '07, Amy Zellers Shrader '00, and Eric Shrader '01.**



'03s

William J. Copeland III '03 is pursuing his master's degree in business administration at Eastern University, St. Davids.

Cortney E. Herr '03 and Nathan Bushnell exchanged wedding vows on July 27, 2007, in Lancaster. Cortney is a special education teacher at Paradise Elementary School in the Pequea Valley School District.

Ashley Lauren Hollinger '03 and Charles Herling exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 4, 2007, in Cleona. **Jessica Kotay '03** served as a bridesmaid. Ashley is a literacy teacher in the Lebanon School District.

Rebecca J. Kantner '03 and Carl E. Ohrberg exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 22, 2007, in Quakertown. In attendance were **Jennifer Rakowski '00, Chere Voda '99, Regina**

Kettering '03, Moriah Miller '03, Amy VanOrden '02, and Rebecca Douglass '06.
Rebecca is a chemist at Lancaster Laboratories.



Kelly J. Kaufmann '03 and Sean P. Carney '03 exchanged wedding vows on July 29, 2006, in Whitehall. Front row sitting (l. to r.): Lexi Smith Fiore '03, Sara Shaffer Lobaugh '03, Jessica Husko '03, Jeremy Rea '04, Tim Carr '04, Robert Schaefer '04. Back row standing (l. to r.): Lisa Landis '04, Kevin Carney '09, Travis Miller '04, Dan Rau '03, Ben Mellish '04, Sean Carney '03, Kelly Kaufmann Carney '03, Jonathan Lobaugh '04, Kristi Riley Platt '03, Andrew Platt '04, and Lauren Hindley '03

In December 2005, **Victoria Elizabeth Kerwin '03** received her master's degree in English from Millersville University. She is a group reservationist at The Spa at Hotel Hershey, as well as an adjunct English professor at Harrisburg Area Community College.

In June 2007, **Amber Keefer Lane '03** received her master's degree in teaching English as a second language from the University of Turabo in Puerto Rico.

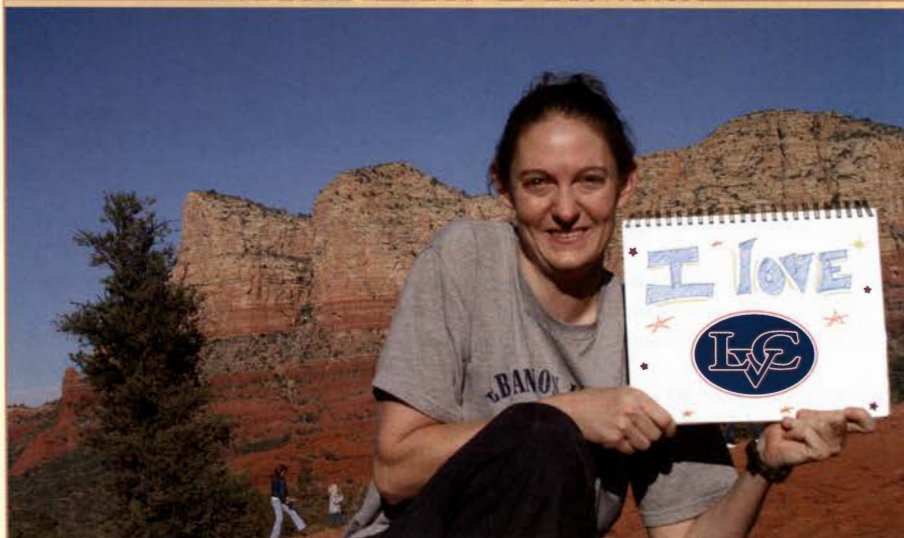
Lindsey Forry Miller '03 is the program coordinator at Acelin Learning Solutions, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Moriah L. Miller '03 is a reference librarian at the Fredricksen Library in Camp Hill.

Sarah Durako Onufer '03 is a government procurement specialist in the procurement technical assistance center, enterprise development division, Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance in Pittston.

Jennifer Ann Pinand '03 and Steven Buterbaugh exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 6, 2007, in Carlisle. LVC alumni in attendance were **Amber Keefer Lane '03, Jacki Ebert Kratz '03, Kelly McCabe '03, and Eric Kratz '04.** Jennifer is a customer service associate for Tyco Electronics.

LIVING THE DREAM



BY JAYANNE HOGATE HAYWARD '01

Although she didn't know it at the time, a 2006 vacation would change **Angie McCracken's** life forever. A stop in Flagstaff, Ariz., cemented her lifelong fascination with this locale. Needing a personal and professional change, McCracken inexplicably found Flagstaff to be the place for her.

On Monday, Oct. 22, 2007, McCracken, a 2004 graduate, embarked on a journey many dream of, but few ever take. She resigned from her job, said goodbye to friends and family, and set out to chase her dreams. She packed her car, a self-described "engineering marvel," and recalled her departure that day as a "real out-of-body experience." Merging onto Rt. 15 south near Harrisburg, she felt fear, excitement, guilt, amazement, wonder, and much more. After stops in Nashville to see a Grand Ole Opry show, Memphis (where she ran into Magic Johnson), Palo Duro Canyon, and Albuquerque, Angie ended one journey in Flagstaff . . . and started a new journey to the rest of her life.

So, where would she live and work? Within a week she found a place to live and a job at a local coffee shop. Now, a few months later, her focus is on finding a permanent job that will allow her to explore more of the Southwest. She's also considering returning to school for her master's degree, but for the moment she is enjoying Flagstaff and all it has to offer. The surrounding area is a haven for nature-lovers, and Angie spends her free time hiking in Flagstaff and nearby, beautiful Sedona. Each new trail changes her in its own little way, she said.

For everyone who thinks of chasing their dreams, McCracken offered this encouragement: "What's the worst that could happen? Failure, by your own definition? There is always the option to move back home and start again. But, what if you love it? What if you leave with the confidence that you can face any challenge life hands you?" After admitting there were times she felt scared, lonely, anxious, and frustrated, she's found a way to counter that trepidation with the same degree of excitement about her new possibilities and experiences. So for right now, she's "living the dream, baby, living the dream."

Jayanne Hogate Hayward '01 is director of alumni programs at LVC.

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Charles "Charlie" A. Reichler '03 is an application engineer at Siemens in Fort Washington.

Dawn M. Rumbley '03 and **Brian W. Yingling '03** exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 3, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel. **The Rev. Paul Kauffman '50** officiated over the ceremony.

Amanda Kelly Smith '03 and her husband, Bryan, welcomed a daughter, Olivia Grace, into their family on April 3, 2007.

Jordan Sigler Stoner '03 is a visa services information coordinator for the American Embassy in Ontario, Canada.

Karalyn M. Stoner '03 and Eric Anderson exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 22, 2007, in Lancaster. **Amy Borger Crouse '03** served as maid of honor.

Stephanie Tighe Sutton '03 is senior marketing officer with Graystone Bank in Harrisburg. She also is an assistant women's basketball coach at LVC.

Ryan M. Trego '03 is a Pennsylvania state trooper stationed at the Media barracks.

'04s

In May 2007, **Andrew J. Bender, Esq., '04** received his law degree from Villanova University School of Law.

Michael F. Bifano '04 and **Abby L. Shumaker '04** exchanged wedding vows on July 28, 2007, in Harrisburg. **Cassandra McCool '04**, **Christine Burgess '04**, **Scott Wallace '04**, **Russell Cody '02**, **David Yinger '03**, **Bryan Everingham '03**, and **John Crognale '06** were members of the bridal party. Michael is pursuing his master's degree in aerospace engineering, and Abby is pursuing her doctoral degree in biochemistry. Both are attending Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio.

Jennifer Vajda Cupp '04 is an accountant with Goldberg & Balthaser, P.C., in Harrisburg. She is working toward becoming a CPA with the firm. She and her husband, Jason, celebrated their third wedding anniversary on Oct. 16, 2007. Her brother, **Jonathan T. Vajda '08** is majoring in digital communications at LVC.

Jessica Korpas DaSilva '04 is teaching first grade in the Franklinton Elementary School, Franklinton, N.C.

Julia "Julie" H. Falkner '04 and **Warren A. Hile III '05** were married on Oct. 28, 2006, in Baltimore. Julie is a geriatric social worker at Colonial Park Care Center in Harrisburg. Warren does account management and reviews for the Pennsylvania American Water Company.

Joseph Fees '04 and **Gregory Phillips II '05** have been friends since meeting in Cub Scouts. Last May, the two men set out on a two-month stay in Europe.

Joe currently lives in Austin, Texas, and is completing his master's degree in Spanish literature at the University of Texas.

In May 2007, Greg earned his master's degree in epidemiology at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He currently resides in Washington and recently began his studies for his doctoral degree.

Shawn A. Fies '04 is a music teacher in the Northwestern Lehigh School District, New Tripoli.

Todd Fischer M'04 is a business-banking credit analyst with the American Home Bank in West Hempfield Township in Lancaster.

Rebecca J. Grudzina '04 is an editorial assistant at Benchmark Education Company in Pelham, N.Y.

Rhonda F. Hebbard '04 is the owner and president of Luxor Events and Marketing in Mechanicsburg. She received the West Shore Chamber of Commerce's third annual Inspiring Business Award, which recognizes the chamber member who actively encourages and perpetuates business innovation, freely shares ideas and opinions regarding business issues, and is a catalyst for the future of business.

Jamie L. Kendall '04 and Bill Harmon exchanged wedding vows on Feb. 22, 2007, in Orlando. She and Bill welcomed a daughter, Naomae, into their family on Nov. 9, 2007. Jamie is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Melwood Elementary School in the Prince George's County Public School District in Upper Marlboro, Md.

In May 2007, **Christina M. Marco '04** received her degree and certification as an educational specialist in school psychology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is

a school psychologist in the Muhlenberg School District in Laureldale.

In August 2007, **Maria Elena Perozzi '04** received her master's degree in marriage and family therapy from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Tara Seefeldt '04 and Michael Jason Gentile exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 1, 2007, at Lake Wynonah in Auburn. **Laurena B. Huebner '04** was the maid of honor. Tara is the manager at Bucks County Coffee Company in Langhorne.

In May 2007, **Jennifer L. Selin, Esq., '04** received her juris doctorate from Wake Forest School of Law. She passed the Virginia bar and was admitted to the Virginia Supreme Court. She is an associate at the Law Offices of GKRSE in Washington, D.C., with a focus on energy law and regulation, as well as administrative law.

Sarah L. Smith '04 is an admissions counselor at West Chester University.

Scott R. Wallace '04 and Sophie Smith exchanged wedding vows on June 24, 2006, in Marengo, Ind. **Mike Bifano '04** served as best man. **Jon Marazas '05** and **John Crognale '06** served as ushers. **Abby Shumaker '04**, **Christine Burgess '04**, **Taylor Reinhard '04**, **Will Pitcock '03**, and **Lori Counterman Pitcock '03** were in attendance.

Christopher R. Whiteley '04 is a musician with Carnival Cruise Lines based out of San Diego, Calif.

'05s

Lisa Rose Agrusti '05 and **Brandon Michael Handwerk '07** exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 6, 2007, in New Jersey. Lisa is a reading specialist with the West Shore School District in Etters. Brandon is employed by a private law firm in Mechanicsburg, and attends Widener University School of Law.

In May 2007, **Justin M. Anderson, Esq., '05** received his law degree from Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. He is a staff attorney at National Credit Union Administration in Alexandria, Va.

Mark Anthony DiNunno '05 is a tax specialist with the Internal Revenue Service in Salisbury, Md.

Karen S. Emig M'05 is a senior accountant at Highmark, Inc., Camp Hill.

Amanda Goulden '05 is a physician assistant in the emergency department at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Lebanon. In May 2007, she received her master's degree in physician assistant studies from Arcadia University in Glenside.

Summer L. Hammer '05 is an office engineer at the Wormleysburg office of Gilbane Building Company.

Renee M. Kitchenman '05 and Nicholas McGovern exchanged wedding vows on June 23, 2007, in Feasterville.

Craig A. Layne '05 is a reporter for WJET-TV in Erie.

Lynn Marie Leidig '05 and **Russell Lee Bentz '05** exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 20, 2007, in Harrisburg. Members of the wedding party included **Alina Gottschalk '05**, **'07**, **Laura Lagler '05**, **Laurie Bentz '07**, **Jason Clay '04**, and **Justin Albert '05**. In attendance were **Jennifer Kratzer '05**, **Justin Kratzer '04**, **Alane Stief '05**, **Theresa Woods '07**, **Rachel Bartley '05**, **Ryan Merri '07**, **Daniel Zilinskis '05**, **Adam Gingerich '05**, **Mitch Waddel '05**, **Sarah Landis '05**, **Matthew Frederick '05**, **Jared Grove '05**, **Michael Grudzinski '05**, **Thomas McElwee**, **Caitlin Gibbs '04**, **Eli Weaver '05**, **Craig Denlinger '05**, and **Stacey Denlinger '07**.

Frederick "Freddie" G. Long III '05 and his group, the Freddie Long Band, recently were the opening act for the award-winning country recording artist Jo Dee Messina, who performed at The Maryland Theatre.

Michelle Struphar Quino '05 is an associate 1, working in the emergency room department at Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical Center.

Rebecca A. Remaley '05 is an elementary special education teacher at Hamilton Heights Elementary School in Chambersburg.

Kristin L. Smith '05 and Terrell Smith exchanged wedding vows on March 3, 2007, in Wernersville. Kristin is an elementary music educator in The School District of Osceola County, Kissimmee, Fla.

Inge J. Walker '05 is a learning support and autistic support teacher in the Central Dauphin School District, Harrisburg.

KELLY JOINS THE EXPRESS

by Ryan Zvorsky '09

Playing a sport you love never gets old.

Just ask **Dan Kelly '07**. In February, after being part of the American Indoor Football Association's Reading Express practice squad for the last four months, Kelly endured a week of training camp, hoping to land a position on the team. By the beginning of the following month, just days before the March 8 season opener, he earned a spot on the 30-man roster.

As a two-sport athlete in his LVC days, Kelly excelled on both the football gridiron and the baseball diamond. In his three years under Head Coach **Jim Monos**, Kelly broke two school records: he threw for 5,934 yards and 61 touchdowns.

According to Monos, Kelly was very talented and intelligent. Not only was the six-foot, one-inch, 210-pound Kelly a winner, he was also a leader.

"He played the way he practiced. He always went hard in everything that he did," said Monos. "It didn't matter what it was. He went 100 miles an hour and he refused to lose in anything and that was the attitude he had. He is a true competitor in every sense of the word and the term 'winner' is very true," added Monos. "I believe that will carry over in whatever he does in his career."

Under Head Baseball Coach **Keith Evans**, Kelly, in four seasons, topped the all-time list for hits in a career with 151. As a senior, he hit .352 with a .430 on-base percentage with 34 runs scored and 10 steals. He placed second in runs scored and first with bases stolen on the team.

Last summer, two months after earning his LVC degree in physics, the King of Prussia resident headed east to Europe to play football. With only three practices under his belt in Finland with the Jyväskylä Jaguaarit, a member of the American Football Association of Finland, he stepped into his familiar position at quarterback.

Jyväskylä played in the eight-team Vaahteraliiga, the highest level in the country. In the July season opener with the Jaguaarit, Kelly passed for 104 yards in a 20-6 loss to the Seinäjoki Crocodiles.

One day, Monos hopes to see Kelly and his and former record-setting teammate **Adam Brossman '08** in the LVC Hall of Fame together since he believes they were a combination that no defense could stop. "In all my years, he is right up there; he was one of my favorites."

To find out how Kelly and the Express fared in 2008, log onto their web site at: www.expressindoorfootball.com.



Ryan Zvorsky '09 is an English communications major from Pottsville and managing editor of *La Vie Collegienne*. He spent the spring interning in the LVC College Relations office.

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Kathryn "Katy" Wallner '05 teaches English as a second language at the kindergarten level in the Fairfax County Public Schools in Virginia. In May 2007, she was nominated for New Teacher of the Year. She is attending George Mason University Graduate School in the Initiatives in Education Transformation program.

Matthew L. Wensel '05 is the director of music ministries at Zion United Methodist Church in York. He directs the chancel choir, handbell choir, and brass ensemble. He is also a solo organ recitalist and a member of Duo Heroique with trumpeter Brent Flinchbaugh.

Rachel B. Winters '05 and Evan Van Orden exchanged wedding vows on July 21, 2007, in Carlisle. Rachel is teaching first grade in the Cornwall-Lebanon School District.

J. Travis Witmeyer '05 is employed by Phillip Sales Company, Texas, as a manufacturer's representative for game sales to major retailers.

Crystal Lynn Zimmerman '05 teaches second grade at Lititz Area Mennonite School.

'06s

Alisha Ann Arnold '06 and Travis Michael Miller exchanged wedding vows on May 19, 2007, in Mt. Joy. Alisha is an educational service consultant for the Early Intervention Program of the Berks County Intermediate Unit, Reading.

Kelly B. Bastek '06 is a learning support teacher at Northwest Elementary School in the Lebanon School District.

Julie B. Bear '06 teaches fifth grade at Silver Spring Elementary School in the Cumberland Valley School District in Mechanicsburg.

Julie M. Bicker '06 is a fifth-grade teacher at Annapolis Elementary School in the Anne Arundel County Schools in Maryland.

Laura K. Burdick '06 and Paul Bradley exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 18, 2007, in Reading. **Amy Schrack '06** and **Melanie Weller '06** were in the bridal party. Laura is a graduate student at Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

Joni L. Clouser '06 is the director of education and outreach at Lebanon Family Health Services.



(l. to r.) **Scott Sypher**, **Mariah Sypher-Fritsch**, **Dan Taney**, **Heather Przybecki '07**, **Billy Silar '05**, **Jessica Sypher '04**, **Cheryl Sypher '06**, **Mike Hoinowski '05**, **Andrew Gena '05**, **Lindsay Crum '08**, **Dan Melius '05**, **Amy Lazarski '06**, **Steven Sypher**, and **Sarah Sypher**.

Rebecca A. Hornberger '06 and **John C. Brewster '04** exchanged wedding vows on July 21, 2007, in Ephrata. Bridesmaids included: **Sarah O'Leary '04**, **Kathryn Hudson '06**, and **Mary Warner '07**. **Brock Kerchner '01** served as best man. Serving as groomsmen were: **Ralph Shoemaker '00**, **Shawn Fies '04**, **Ronald Stump '04**, **Jason Bachman '05**, and **Christopher Metzger '06**. Musicians included instrumentalists **Scott Schimpf '03** and **Mark Rizzo '09**, and soloist **Dr. Michael Wojdylak '97**, an adjunct assistant professor of music at LVC.

Kendra Jean Johnson '06 and **Zachary Morgan Cook '06** exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 1, 2007, in Richland. In attendance were **Jeremy Umbenhauer '06**, **Meredith Piersol '06**, **Alicia Shahadi '06**, and **Alicia Sheeto '06**. Kendra is employed by the Antique Automobile Club of America in Hershey. Zachary teaches social studies in the Eastern Lebanon County School District, Myerstown.

Megan M. Kelly '06 is an exceptional children's pre-kindergarten teacher in the Warren County Schools in Warrenton, N.C.

Stephanie Ann Kline '06 is a classroom teacher for Northwestern Human Services, Carlisle.

Justin D. Klunk '06 is a project manager at Avery Atlantic, LLC, a construction company in Las Vegas.

Alison "Allie" J. Lencicki '06 is working in the housing and residence life office at Marywood University in Scranton. She is pursuing her master's degree in communication arts in media management and public relations.

Jeanine M. McAbee '06 and **Christopher Snyder** exchanged wedding vows on July 20, 2007, in Aston. **Jessica Michaels '06** served

as a bridesmaid. **Kristin Iacobino '06**, **Dawn Wilson '06**, **Tricia Uzialko '06**, **Jeff Disanza '07**, **Shawn Berwager '01**, and **Brandi Berwager '08** were in attendance.

Heather Lynn Rishel '06 is a staff accountant at Dunbar Corporation in Hunt Valley, Md.

Phillip M. Serio '06 is working in information technology services in the corporate offices at Hershey Entertainment and Resorts.

Cheryl Lynn Sypher '06 and **Michael J. Hoinowski '05**, '07 exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 29, 2007, in Spring City. The bridal party is pictured above. Those in attendance included **Mark Sypher '81**, **Cory Anthony '05**, **Kari Jost '07**, **Kristy McManus Cohen '04**, **Gwen Reiner '04**, **Chris Gunnell '05**, **Staci Storti '05**, **Keri Bugden '06**, **Samantha Baas '07**, **Carolina "Coni" Russo '05**, **Eileen Jahn '07**, **Bob Stasiunas '07**, and **Ruth Crabbs '04**.

Jeremy A. Umbenhauer '06 and **Jessica Rae Culp** exchanged wedding vows on June 23, 2007, in Lebanon. **Jason Umbenhauer '04**, brother of the groom, served as one of the ushers. Jeremy is a chemistry teacher in the Lebanon School District.

Brandon R. Valentine '06 is a sales representative for Sciele Pharma Sales, Inc., in Harrisburg.

Sarah L. Van De Weert '06 is a legislative analyst for the New York State Assembly Minority in Albany.

Victoria "Vicki" Van Hise '06 is the assistant to academic support at Lebanon Valley College.

Lauren I. Warner '06 is a clinical research associate at Novum Pharmaceutical Research Services in Pittsburgh.

The Play's the Thing

by Marie Cusick '08

Charles W. Weber '06 is head of the electrics department at Feld Entertainment. The company produces *Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus*, *Disney on Ice*, *Disney Live*, and *Doodlebops Live*.

'07s

Yekaterina N. Belousov '07 received the Norman M. Axelrod, DO Scholarship from the Lancaster Osteopathic Health Foundation to attend Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her interest is in family practice and helping the medically underserved. She is a volunteer at the Water Street Rescue Mission clinic, Lancaster.

Melissa A. Bersano '07 is a fifth-grade learning support teacher in the South Middleton School District, Boiling Springs.

Renae M. Boyer '07 is an emotional support instructor at Lebanon Middle School.

Sarah E. Coiner '07 and Nick Crowther exchanged wedding vows on June 23, 2007, in Ephrata. **Jenn Wagner '07** served as a bridesmaid.

Angela Dawn Esh '07 is a therapeutic support staff member at Youth Advocate in Lancaster.

Justin M. Frankfort '07 and Ashley Walmer were married on Aug. 17, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel.

Kate E. Fry '07 is an editorial assistant at A.M. Best in Oldwick, N.J.

Jill T. Kidulic '07 is the e-business manager at Lebanon Seaboard Corporation, Lebanon.

Sarah E. Lennard '07 is a learning support assistant in the North Penn School District, North Wales.

Jessica M. Liberati '07 is the music teacher at Glenridge Elementary School in the School District of Clayton, Landover Hills, Md.

Carlin A. Luz '07 is the patron services manager for the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra.

Bettylou R. Mihal '07 is a safety and security officer at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center.

Just as **Katie McCarty '07** was getting ready to start her final semester at LVC in the fall of 2006, opportunity came knocking—the chance to work as a production intern in New York City for ABC's hit soap opera, *One Life to Live*.

Even though the internship didn't involve the singing, dancing, and acting she had done for many Wig and Buckle Theater Company productions on campus, she jumped at the chance to be part of the real world of entertainment. But life in the Big Apple was tougher than she had imagined.

"My new duties were extremely time consuming and involved lots of copying, faxing, and running errands all over the city. I had arrangements to live with friends, but my housing plans fell through," she explained. Three weeks of craziness ensued as McCarty tried desperately to keep up with her grueling internship schedule and simultaneously search for a place to live. "I lived out of a suitcase and moved to different friends' places every few days. Trying to find housing became an impossible task." But the energetic senior didn't let all the hassles defeat her. Instead, she decided to change course and return to the Valley to finish her final semester.

She had not registered for any spring classes because her internship was supposed to have provided her with the final credits she needed. Faced with yet another predicament, McCarty spoke with **Marie Bongiovanni**, professor and chair of English, who suggested that McCarty write a play about her time in New York as an independent study project. That suited McCarty fine: "Writing a play or a screenplay has always been a dream of mine."

McCarty's comedy of errors about her crazy and exciting time in the big city was a hit with **Dr. Kevin Pry '76**, LVC associate professor of English, who thought it would make a great fall play for his Theater Production and Performance class. As for McCarty, she "felt honored and privileged" to have LVC produce it. "The entire experience was surreal, because I watched a dream of mine materialize." Pry's students helped McCarty name the play, *I Think You Should*, because it is the story of a college student who keeps getting advice from anyone and everyone about what to do in the "real world."

For students in the audience, the play was successful not only because it was funny, but also because it was relevant. They could identify with the hassles McCarty faced as she navigated urban life on her own for the first time. **Ryan Zvorsky '09** called the play an emotional "roller coaster ride," because he began to see firsthand some of the problems he might encounter in an urban environment—just as he was beginning to contemplate his own internship in Philadelphia.

Now, not only has McCarty added the credential "playwright" to her resumé, but she also has deftly avoided work that involves copying, faxing, and running errands. McCarty has entered the "real world" doing what she truly loves: singing, dancing, and acting. As a main character for a Disney Cruise Lines show, she's not allowed to say whether she's Pocahontas or Sleeping Beauty. But if you are lucky, you can catch her cruising on stage through the Caribbean, the Panama Canal, and the Mexican Riviera.

Marie Cusick '08 graduated in May and recently began a job as a television news reporter for KTWO-TV, an ABC affiliate in Wyoming.



BEHIND THE FACE AND FUR

by Ryan Zvorsky '09

During the spring 2008 semester, Steven Wisner, a junior English communications major, landed an internship as a character at the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Fla.

If it weren't for his family and friends urging him on, **Steven Wisner '09** said he might never have risked the intimidating audition for an internship with the entertainment giant Disney—even though his friends say he has the talent and an impressive resumé. He dared to put his skills to the test, because he knew he could draw on the confidence he developed from many relevant activities at the Valley: roles with the Wig and Buckle Theater Company; writing for *La Vie Collegienne*, the student-run campus newspaper; an on-air gig with WLVC Radio, the Internet-broadcast radio station; and experience with marching band and media services.

"I think the biggest thing is don't tell yourself NOT to go for it. Go for it and don't sell yourself short before you even start. Let them be the ones to tell you 'no'; don't tell yourself 'no,'" Wisner said.

For him, the process started in the fall of 2007 when he searched online and found the Disney College Program. In October, Wisner started the ball rolling when he attended a live presentation Disney offered at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) in Harrisburg. There he learned how an internship with Disney could help him make connections for future jobs with corporations such as ABC and ESPN.

Wisner chose to attend the live presentation at HACC—rather than watch it online—because he knew he had a better chance of receiving a phone interview from the head of casting for the Disney College Program in Florida if the local Disney representative had a chance to look him over in Harrisburg.

Two days later, the phone rang. During the 20-minute interview, "I expressed my interest in being a character actor," Wisner said, "and at that point, the interviewer

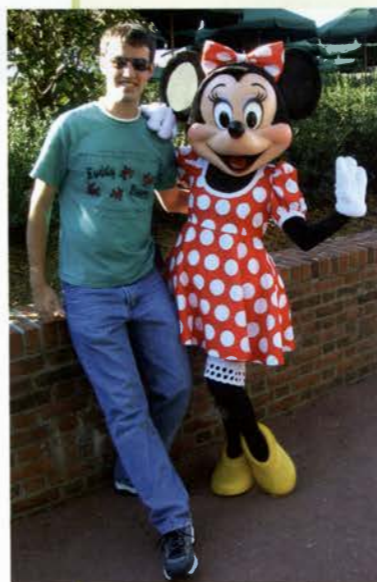
made sure that was really what I wanted to do, because that is one of the hardest positions to land. You definitely need to want to be a character actor first and foremost in order to pursue it from there. That is what I knew I wanted to do," said Wisner. "The one thing the Disney interviewer noted—and it is a big thing—is that LVC offers the chance to be involved in a lot of different things," Wisner said.

In mid-November, Wisner traveled west to Pittsburgh for a formal audition. Just before he left for the Steel City, Wisner shaved off his goatee. It was a great idea, he recalled. Physical features, he pointed out, were crucial, including height.

During the five-hour audition, he learned a dance, met with the costumer and hair/makeup artist, and got into costume. Finally, Wisner learned he had made it—he received a verbal commitment that he was approved for a face character. He left with a positive vibe, but still needed to sign on the dotted line. Two weeks later, he opened the fat packet of acceptance materials that sealed the deal for a spring internship with Disney.

Disney wanted him, but would the College give him credit for the experience? No problem. Wisner is proud of the fact that at a small college like LVC, the English Department was supportive when it came to approving the internship. The faculty believes in their students getting real-world experience.

To read more about Wisner's internship as a "face" and "fur" character, log onto LVC's web site at www.lvc.edu and click on the link for the internship profile.



Ryan Zvorsky '09 is an English communications major from Pottsville and managing editor of *La Vie Collegienne*. He spent the spring semester interning in the LVC College Relations Office.

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Heather A. Neff '07 and **Matthew Ceresini '04** exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 13, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel.

Alan M. Newsome '07 is an associate in retirement systems at Towers Perrin in Philadelphia.

Angela "Angie" Undercuffler '07 is teaching English and journalism in the Pequea Valley School District in Kinzers. She also serves as the school's newspaper advisor.

Ashley J. Visneski '07 is teaching chemistry at Liberty High School in the Bethlehem Area School District, Bedford, Va.



Kelly J. Wenrich '07 and **James F. O'Brien '07** exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 11, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel.

Amanda S. Wolfe '07 and **Joseph Wise** exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 15, 2007, in LVC's Miller Chapel.

Michael D. Yannick '07 is an associate at Towers Perrin in Philadelphia.

Faculty and Staff News

Richard "Dick" Charles recently received the Paul Harris Fellow Award from Rotary International. The award recognizes people whose community service represents the ideals of the Rotary. Dick is vice president *emeritus* for advancement at LVC.

Dr. Christopher J. Dolan and his wife, Holly, welcomed a daughter, Abigail Gonyea, into their family on Oct. 19, 2007. Chris is an assistant professor of political science at LVC.

Aaron Hanley and his wife, Stacey, welcomed a son, Jackson "Jack" Lee, into their family on Sept. 2, 2007. Aaron is an officer with the public safety department at LVC.

Dr. Lori Oxford, assistant professor of Spanish, and **Alberto Centeno-Pulido**, lecturer in Spanish, welcomed a daughter, Olivia Camille, into their family on Nov. 11, 2007.

Dr. Noëlle Vahanian and her husband, **Dr. Jeffrey Robbins**, welcomed a daughter, Rose-Marie Claire, into their family on Nov. 19, 2007. Both Noëlle and Jeff are assistant professors of religion and philosophy at LVC.

Dr. Scott N. Walck, associate professor of physics, and his wife, Peggy Bright, welcomed a son, Daniel Roger, into their family on Jan. 12, 2008.

Friends and Trustees



James M. Mead, assistant treasurer of LVC's Board of Trustees, has been elected to the board of the Hershey Trust Company. He was also elected to the board of managers of Milton Hershey School.

He is a health-economics consultant and vice chairman of Susquehanna Township-based Capital Blue Cross.

Harry Speece and his wife, Patricia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in January. Harry has been attending LVC sporting events since he was 14. For the past 12 years, he has been archiving any information—newspaper clippings, box scores, rosters, photos—he can find on any of the 21 intercollegiate sports. Without Harry's efforts, many of the College's record books would be incomplete. He has continued the work started by **Glenn Hall '49**.

'30s

The Rev. Dr. G. Edgar Hertzler '30, H'54 died Sept. 12, 2007, in Elizabethtown at age 99. He served on the Board of Trustees at LVC for 24 years. Hertzler organized the first volunteer chaplaincy service at Harrisburg Hospital. He served as president of the Interdenominational Leadership Training School of Harrisburg, and was past president of the Pennsylvania State Pastors Conference. In the 1940s, he was a deputy clerk of the Dauphin County courts. Hertzler's first assignment as an ordained minister was to the Lebanon Circuit. He served at the 29th Street United Brethren Church for 25 years, where he was named pastor *emeritus*. He served as pastor of St. Paul's Church in Elizabethtown, chair of the United Fund Drive for the borough, part-time chaplain in the Masonic Homes, and also served the Otterbein Church in Harrisburg. After retirement, Hertzler became the chaplain/counselor at Neill Funeral Home, and later conducted a telephone ministry to shut-in and lonely people. He was a member of the Abraham Treichler Lodge No. 682 in Elizabethtown, and past chaplain of the Harrisburg Tall Cedars of Lebanon No. 43. Among others, he is survived by a daughter, **Georgia Hertzler Bartholomew '60**, and a step-daughter, **Carol Mickey Fleisher '66**.

Edith Fields Reynolds '32 died Sept. 29, 2007, in New York at age 96. After graduating from LVC, she worked as a registered nurse at Reading Hospital and worked as a school nurse and teacher for 20 years in New York. She retired in 1970.

Dorothy R. Hartz '33 died Aug. 11, 2007, in Lebanon at age 94. She retired from Hershey Foods Corporation with 44 years of service. For over 40 years, Miller was a member of Palm Lutheran Church, Palmyra, and a volunteer at Spang Crest, Lebanon. She traveled in Europe, Israel, Canada, and the United States. Among others, she is survived by a cousin, **Ronald J. Poorman '63**, and his wife, **Karen Mellinger Poorman '65**.

Edward R. Bachman '37 died Nov. 30, 2007, in Harrisburg at age 91. He had been a claims adjuster for Penn National Insurance Company and was a member of Brookfield Bible Church, Harrisburg. Bachman loved basketball; he played in high school, college, and on various YMCA teams. Among others, he was preceded in death by a brother, **Dr. George S. Bachman '36**.

Grant Wilbur Gible '38 died Sept. 17, 2007, in Hilton Head Island, at age 91. He was a partner, general manager, secretary, and treasurer of the Palmyra Bologna Company, and served on state and national boards associated with the meat packing industry before retiring in 1984. Gible was also vice president of the Palmyra School Authority, treasurer of the United Methodist Church for 15 years, member of the board of directors for Bomberger's, Inc., vice president of Lebanon/Hershey Tourist Bureau, auditor for North Londonderry Township, chair of the board of directors for the Hershey Country Club, board member of the Palmyra Rotary Club, and a member of LVC's Alumni Association. After retirement, Gible was chair of the Baynard Cove Property Membership Association in Hilton Head, N.C.

Barbara Sloane Haas '38 died Oct. 7, 2007, in Mechanicsburg at age 91. She was active in the Harrisburg Red Cross during World War II. She was a member of Calvary United Methodist Church, and Harrisburg Country Club. Haas was active in the Harrisburg Community Theater. She was a clinical social worker, a life fellowship member in the American Orthopsychiatric Association, a life member of American Association of University Women, and a charter member of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers. Haas was a psychiatric social worker at York and Harrisburg's Child Guidance Clinics, and assisted in the establishment of the York Mental Health Clinic. In 1955, she joined Milton Hershey School as an administrative associate of enrollment and served until her retirement.

Ethel V. Wilt '38 died Jan. 13, 2008, in Lebanon at age 90. She was a teacher for the Lewistown and Hershey school districts, and a member of the Church of Good Shepherd, Lebanon. Among others, she is survived by her sister, **Martha Wilt Grimm '43**.

Irene Ranck Christman '39 died Dec. 9, 2007, in Lititz at age 89. She was a vocal and instrumental music instructor and served as supervisor of music in the public schools for 43 years, first at Warwick Township, and later in Middletown and Central Dauphin school districts. She authored several books and manuals on music. Christman served over 40 years as executive director of the Pennsylvania Music Educators' Association and as chair of the National Council of State Executive Secretaries of the Music Educators National Conference. She organized and served as the first president of the Dauphin

County Music Education Association. In 1991, she was awarded a National Service Award from the Music Industry Council, and received similar recognition from the Music Educators National Conference in 1990. In addition, Christman served several terms on the board of the Hershey Symphony Orchestra. She was a longtime member of Pine Street Presbyterian Church and its choir.

Lillian Zubroff Melman '39 died Jan. 11, 2008, in Harrisburg at age 90. She was an avid reader, lover of music, and a teacher. Melman was a member of Temple Ohev Sholom and past president of the Temple Sisterhood. Among others, she is survived by her daughter, **Cynthia S. Melman '69**.

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Lt. Col. Frank L. Shenk '41 died Oct. 25, 2007, in Fort Belvoir, Va., at age 88. He served in the Army for 29 years, retiring in 1970. He then took up a new career in arts and crafts, working at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria, Va. Among others, Shenk is survived by his wife, **Genevieve Stansfield Shenk '43**, a son, **Alan E. Shenk '69**, and a daughter, **Suzanne Shenk Banish '71**.

Margaret "Peggy" Cox Glen '42 died Dec. 23, 2007, in Chambersburg at age 86. She was a music teacher and band director at Oley High School near Reading. Glen was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Chambersburg and its Alda Bower Sunday school class. She was a member of the Falling Spring Chapter #2814 AARP, the Chambersburg Afternoon Club, Chambersburg Country Club, the Institute for Retired Persons, and she volunteered for many years with the Chambersburg Toy Mission. She was preceded in death by her husband, **Dr. Donald J. Glen '42**. Among others, she is survived by a son, **George S. Glen '70**, and his wife, **Nancy Alber Glen '73**, and a sister, **Dorothy Cox Yannaccone '44**, and brother-in-law, **Dr. Robert Yannaccone '43**.

The Rev. Ralph H. Manwiller '43 died Oct. 17, 2007, in Reading at age 84. He was a United Methodist minister, retiring in 1970, and a member of Trinity United Church of Christ, Mount Penn. He received his bachelor of divinity degree in 1945 from the Evangelical School of Theology in Reading.

The Rev. Dr. R. Howard Paine '43 died Nov. 18, 2007, in Wernersville at age 85. He was pastor of Christ Evangelical and Reformed Church, Boston; associate pastor for Christ United Church of Christ (UCC), Bethlehem; pastor of St. Paul's UCC, Manheim; and St. Thomas UCC, Reading, from 1959 to 1986. Paine was campaign director for Phoebe Home, and Phoebe Ministries trustee and chair (1999–2002). In 2000, he received the Trustee of the Year Award from the UCC Council for Health and Human Service Ministries. Paine was an adjunct professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary and a member of numerous committees. He was the delegate to several UCC General Synod, a board member of Lancaster Theological Seminary, director of Office of Church and Leadership of UCC, editor of *New Mercersburg Review*, and vice president of Mercersburg Society. Paine served on the cabinet of the United Way of Berks County. He was an author of numerous articles on worship and theology and co-authored *Book of Prayer for Church and Home*. He was a member of St. Paul's UCC, Robesonia. Among others, Paine is survived by a granddaughter, **Elise K. DeVere '07**.

Eleanor Hershey Kauffman '46 died Aug. 21, 2007, in Carlisle at age 82. She retired from the Carlisle Area School District, where she was an elementary school music teacher. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Carlisle, where she was in the chancel choir and also directed the children's and youth choirs. Among others, she is survived by her husband of 60 years, **the Rev. Dr. Gerald D. Kauffman '44, H'65**.

Kathryn M. Kaufhold '46 died July 13, 2007, in Wormleysburg at age 95. She was retired from the Harrisburg School District. Kaufhold was a member of the former St. Lawrence Catholic Church, the Cathedral of Saint Patrick Church, the Cathedral Over 50 Club, the St. Lawrence Society, the Pennsylvania Retired Teachers Association, and the National Council of Senior Citizens.

Dr. Paul Gottshall Fisher '47 died Dec. 21, 2007, in Lancaster at age 85. He served in the U.S. Air Force in World War II. Fisher started his career teaching and conducting bands and choruses in the Derry Township Schools and Hershey Junior College. He was chair of the music department at Millersville University until retiring. He held numerous offices in district and state organizations of the Pennsylvania

Music Educators Association, and was president of the Pennsylvania Collegiate Band and Choral Associations, as well as the Eastern Region Collegiate Band Association. Fisher played principal horn in the Harrisburg Symphony Orchestra (HSO) for over 32 years and also in the Lancaster Symphony Orchestra. In addition, he was assistant conductor of the HSO for 10 years. He was the founder of the Hershey Community Chorus, the Wesley Singers, and the Lancaster Pops Orchestra. He was a deacon in the Spring Creek Church, and was involved with missions at the First United Methodist Church, where he was the director of music for 25 years. Fisher was president of the Lancaster Community Concert Association. Among others, he is survived by his wife, **Sara Schott Fisher '47**, and a son, **Paul S. Fisher '71**.

Edwin Francis Englehart '48 died Dec. 2, 2007, in Dover, Del., at age 86. He was a decorated World War II veteran of the 2nd Infantry Division. From 1948–1983 he was the band director and music department chair at Caesar Rodney School District, Camden-Wyoming, Del. Englehart served as chair of the Kent County Music Educators Association, State Band chair, was a past president and on the board of directors for the Delaware Music Educators Association, and the Music Educators National Board of Directors. He received many local music awards. Englehart wrote and arranged music, and played clarinet and saxophone, including 42 years as lead saxophone with the Bob Wagner Orchestra and 10 years as principal clarinet with the Dover Symphony Orchestra. From 1948–2006, he was director of the senior choir at First Baptist Church, Dover, Del., and served on numerous church boards and committees. Englehart was a member of Union Lodge #7, A.F.&A.M., and a longtime member of the Dover Stamp Club. In 1997, he was named Humanitarian of the Year by the Benjamin F. Burton Foundation, and in 2002, received a citation of meritorious service from the Caesar Rodney Board of Education. In 2005, he was named Citizen of the Year by Dover Lodge #1903, Order of Elks, and most recently was designated Honorary Commander of the Operations Support Squadron, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover Air Force Base.

Dr. Samuel A. Hartman II '48 died Nov. 6, 2007, in Lebanon at age 81. He was the first pediatrician in Lebanon and retired after 38 years of service to the community. He was a member of Salem Lutheran

Howard Anthony "Tony" Neidig, Ph.D. '43, H'04, one of the nation's foremost undergraduate chemistry educators and a professor *emeritus* at LVC, died on Jan. 19, 2008. His life was celebrated in a memorial service April 12 at Miller Chapel. As part of an 18-month, multi-million dollar renovation, the College renamed its science building the Neidig-Garber Science Center. The renovated building opened for full use at the start of the spring 2008 semester, just five days before his death. Neidig helped to oversee the renovations to the science center that bears his name, and served as co-chair of the successful Science Initiative of the Great Expectations Campaign that helped to make its transformation possible.

Sixty years ago at LVC, Neidig established the first joint undergraduate student-faculty research program in the country. Over the years, the research program he started continued to thrive and the Chemistry Department he led for 34 years became a national leader in undergraduate science education.

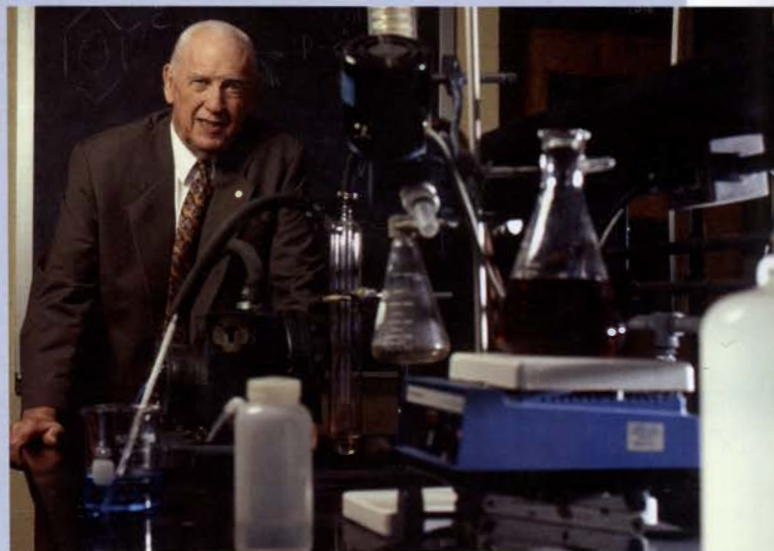
LVC President Stephen C. MacDonald said of Neidig, "He was a giant at this College, and he was a giant in his field and in undergraduate research and undergraduate education. He was a lively, energetic, impatient man. We will miss him a great deal."

The current chair of the LVC Chemistry Department, Dr. Owen A. Moe, who worked for many years with Neidig, described him this way: "Tony Neidig was an important educator in chemistry, both nationally and even worldwide. His ideas were innovative, and he moved them effectively out onto the national stage. His published laboratory experiments, for example, have been used over many years by millions of students working to understand experimental aspects of chemistry. Tony's efforts, by association, have given the LVC Chemistry Department and the College itself a good measure of national recognition."

In their online condolences, Neidig's former students wrote about his brilliance, patience, enthusiasm, passion for chemistry, and many kindnesses. This one from William Renzulli, M.D., '61 is typical, "Dr. Neidig was outstanding. He made organic chemistry so interesting that I took advanced organic just to be in his class. One of my best teachers . . . ever!" Another former student, Scott Berger '82, wrote: "There couldn't have been a nicer man, a more straightforward professor, a wiser mentor, and a man who could make me enjoy chemistry as much as he did. I finished out with a different major, but I always held Dr. Neidig in the highest regard. I think all of us whose lives he touched will miss him!"

Born in Lemoyne on Jan. 25, 1924, he was the son of Howard A. Neidig Sr. and Rhae A. Gutshall Neidig. Neidig was predeceased by his first wife, Gene Bowman Neidig. He married Helen in 1972. Formerly residents of Palmyra, the Neidigs later moved to The Woods at Cornwall Manor in Cornwall.

A 1940 graduate of Lemoyne High School, Neidig received a bachelor of science degree from Lebanon Valley in 1943 and a doctoral degree in organic chemistry from the University of Delaware in 1948. Neidig was active in speaking engagements and participated in conferences throughout the U.S. and internationally. Neidig was a professor at LVC from 1948–1985, and for most of that time, from 1951 through his



retirement, he served as chair of the Chemistry Department. He served on the College's Board of Trustees from 1969–1979. He and Helen were honorary co-chairs of the Great Expectations Campaign, which concluded last year after raising over \$55 million for the College. The Neidigs established and endowed the Neidig Fund for Chemistry Scholarships, the Neidig Chemistry Research Fund, and the Howard Anthony Neidig Award for an outstanding LVC senior.

He was a co-founder of *Chemical Education Resources*, serving as publisher from 1984–2000. He also served on the board of trustees of Keystone College, La Plume. Neidig was an avid and knowledgeable jazz enthusiast.

He was a director of the laboratory program for the Chemical Bond Approach and was the program director for the Modular Laboratory Program in Chemistry. Neidig was a member of numerous professional organizations, including the American Chemical Society, American Institute of Chemists, Middle Atlantic Association of Liberal Arts Chemistry Teachers, National Science Teachers Association, New York Academy of Science, Pennsylvania Association of College Chemistry Teachers, Pennsylvania Science Teachers Association, Society of Sigma Xi, and Chemical Heritage Foundation.

In 1970, Neidig received the Manufacturing Chemists' Association Award for Excellence in Chemistry Teaching; and in 1978, the E. Emmet Reid Award from the American Chemical Society. He was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters from LVC in 2004.

Surviving beside his wife, are daughters, Kathy Neidig Calabrese '73 of Bethlehem; Nancy Bentzel of Dover; Linda O'Leary of Arlington, Va.; a son, John Banigan of New Canaan, Conn.; 10 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

Contributions in his honor may be made to the Neidig Chemistry Research Fund or the Neidig Chemistry Scholarship Fund, Development Office, Lebanon Valley College, 101 N. College Ave., Annville, PA 17003. On-line remembrances may be submitted at www.lvc.edu/college-relations/neidig.

Church, Pennsylvania Medical Society, American Medical Association, and American Academy of Pediatricians. Hartman served in the U.S. Army during World War II as an interpreter with Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment in Japan. Among others, he is survived by a grandson, **Stuart J. Hartman '07**.

Karl E. Miller '48 died July 16, 2007, in Geneva, Ill., at age 83. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the 8th Air Force, stationed in Bungay, England during World War II. He was a 1st lieutenant navigator on B24s. Miller worked for Illinois Bell/AT&T Telephone Company for 30 years and retired in 1979. After retirement, he worked for Re/Max Gateway West in Geneva. He was a 42-year member of Baker Memorial United Methodist Church in St. Charles, Ill. He was

a past president of the St. Charles Kiwanis Club, past commander of American Legion Post #342, 50-year member of Unity Lodge #48 A.F.&A.M., and a member of numerous other organizations.

Rena Biely Miller '48 died Aug. 16, 2007, in Lebanon at age 81. She was an active member of the Hebron United Methodist Church, where she led a lady's Bible study and taught the adult Sunday school class. Miller dedicated much of her life to being part of Child Evangelism Fellowship in Lebanon County where she taught many Good News clubs, and helped operate the summer day camp program. She also taught adult Bible study at Wernersville State Hospital for many years. She is survived, among others, by a brother, **Alden G. Biely '52, H'63**.

Robert Hart Miller '48 died Dec. 20, 2007, in Hagerstown, Md., at age 80. He served three years with the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Early on, he and his father operated the Fred B. Miller Truss Company in Hagerstown. He later worked as manager of the Case Management Department at the Maryland Correctional Institution in Hagerstown, and retired in 2000 after 28 years of service. Miller was a life member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon National Fraternity, and was a member of Morris Frock American Legion Post 42, Hagerstown Soccer Club, Potomac Playmakers, as well as other numerous organizations. He was a member of the Young Republicans Club, and in 1962, ran for the Maryland House of Delegates. In 1970 he received the Prudential Insurance Company's Community Service Award. Miller was a founding member of

Florence Elizabeth Barnhart '47, a longtime neighbor, benefactor, and friend of the College, died Jan. 10, 2008 in Lebanon. She was 81. Born in the house on the corner of College and Sheridan avenues, Annville, on May 13, 1926, Barnhart lived there for most of her life. "My sister's love for her home, surrounded by the LVC campus, was contagious to all my family," said Barnhart's sister, Bonnie West.

"Ms. Florence was indeed a very special lady," said Wuyatta Sellu '04, an international student from Sierra Leone. "She showed me the ropes and always had a shoulder to cry on whenever the need arose. She would share her memories of Sierra Leone, especially working at Hartford Secondary School for Girls. I just enjoyed hearing her talk about her experiences and how much she loved being a missionary."

Barnhart was a 1944 graduate of Annville High School and a 1947 graduate of Lebanon Valley College. Following her graduation, she spent 13 years working in foreign missions for the United Brethren Church (now the United Methodist Church) in Moyamba, Sierra Leone, West Africa. There she taught English, mathematics, history, and organized a Girl Guide program. After her return to the United States, she was the leader of the senior Girl Scout troop in Annville.

In 1955, she received a master of arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania. From 1959 to 1990, she taught English in the Derry Township School District in both the junior and senior high schools.

"She was my favorite teacher at Hershey High School," said graduate Susan Barley of Australia. "Miss Barnhart was a true individual, with her big heart and beautiful, shining face. She taught us to love language,

books, and the written word." Alice Knutsen, who taught English at Hershey, remembered, "As a young teacher, I saw Miss Barnhart as a master teacher. She presented a unit to my humanities class on primitive culture and art and tied her information to her mission work in Africa. I was in awe of her teaching, with no notes, and of her knowledge on many different topics. Florence's teaching style was down-to-earth, engaging,

and personal. The students loved her; young teachers were inspired." Barnhart was also the yearbook advisor and costume coordinator for the high school musicals.

A lifetime member of the Annville United Methodist Church, Barnhart was a Sunday school teacher there. She was an officer of the Lebanon Valley College Auxiliary, and a member of the Annville Home Study Circle. Her friend, Tom Grace, who was also a member of that group, recalled, "Florence graced us with her stately presence. Always the teacher, she generously shared her vast, many-sided knowledge of her travels, the

history of the comic strip, the observance of the Kwanza holiday, etc." Her death has taken an "irreplaceable spirit from our membership," he added.

Barnhart was a member of numerous professional, social, and historical groups. "Florence had the ability and the willingness to find a redeeming feature in every person and in every situation. I never knew her to lack this ability and willingness," said her friend Joan McCullough.

Besides her sister, of Cornwall Manor, she is survived by nieces and nephews. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Annville Free Library, 216 E. Main St., Annville, PA 17003.



Dr. Agnes M. Boyle O'Donnell, 82, of Annville, who for 25 years taught in the LVC English Department, died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008, in Triumph Hospital, Harrisburg. A dedicated teacher and scholar, O'Donnell was known throughout her years at Lebanon Valley as a friend to all students and a beloved colleague. She and her husband, the late J. Robert O'Donnell, associate professor *emeritus* of physics at the College, spent endless hours with students discussing academic issues, as well as personal issues. Over the years, they hosted parties at their home that became legendary.

"In my first few years at the Valley," recalled Dr. Arthur Ford '59, professor *emeritus* of English who worked with her for many years, "Ag's office was always open to all students, and all students came to see her, a constant parade. Most of them just wanted to talk, but others wanted a kind and caring person to listen to their problems, which ranged from relationship difficulties to, 'What should I do since I don't support the war in Vietnam?' She never told a student what to do, but each seemed to leave her office with an answer.

"I was privileged to team-teach several courses with Ag. She had a deep knowledge of her subject matter, and she could also get each student deeply involved in class discussions, which she led with even-handedness and sureness. Students learned much from her classes, but most importantly they learned to think. So did I.

"I always wondered why Ag returned for her Ph.D. after she had proved herself to be an excellent teacher and after she had achieved tenure. Finally, I asked her, and she explained that she got the degree not to meet any external requirements, but only to meet the requirements she had set for herself. If she were going to be a teacher, she explained, then



she should work at becoming the best teacher she could, regardless of academic requirements and regardless of age."

Her influence was felt in the Physics Department as well, where Dr. Jacob Rhodes, now a professor *emeritus*, led the department when O'Donnell's husband joined it in the 1950s. "She always attended Physics Department affairs with Bob and we thought of her as one of ours. She was an integral part of the department."

O'Donnell received her bachelor's degree from Immaculata College and went on to receive her master of education degree from Temple

University and her master of arts and doctoral degrees from the University of Pennsylvania. Prior to coming to Lebanon Valley, she taught at the Moravian Preparatory School in Bethlehem.

While at Lebanon Valley, she taught a variety of courses in English and world literature and served on numerous committees, including the Strategic Planning Committee, the Dean's Search Committee, the Central Committee, the Faculty Affairs Committee, and the Middle States Evaluation Committee. She also served as a faculty representative on the Board of Trustees. At her retirement from LVC in 1987, O'Donnell was named professor *emerita* of English.

O'Donnell was a member of the Modern Language Association, the Pennsylvania College English Association, the American Association of University Professors, and the James Joyce Society.

She is survived by a niece, Kathleen Boyle DeCarlo, and a nephew, Daniel Boyle.

Contributions in her memory can be made to the Agnes O'Donnell Literature Award Fund, Development Office, Lebanon Valley College, 101 N. College Ave., Annville, PA 17003.

the Washington County Cerebral Palsy Association and a member of its board of directors, as well as a two-term president of the board of directors of the Washington County Mental Health Association.

Mark R. Arnold '49 died Oct. 12, 2007, in Lebanon at age 84. He was a 3rd-degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council #2870, a member of the Annville American Legion, a Boy Scout, and Boy Scout leader for many years. Arnold was a member of Sacred Heart Church, Cornwall, and was an usher for many years at the former St. Gregory the Great Church. He had been proprietor of Arnold's Real Estate in Lebanon, and was a U.S. Army Air Force Veteran of World War II.

'50s

Robert N. Englehart '50 died Dec. 3, 2007, in Harrisburg at age 80. After 35 years, he retired from the Harrisburg State Hospital in 1986. He was a member of the 29th Street United Methodist Church, the Susquehanna Township High School Alumni Association, and the Progress Fire Company Home Association.

Harold C. Batdorf '51 died Aug. 27, 2007, in Munich, Germany, at age 80. He worked for Radio Free Europe in Munich and was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Charles J. Morinchin '51 died Aug. 1, 2007, in Cornwall at age 77. He was a U.S. Air

Force veteran of the Korean War, and retired in 1968 as a foreman for Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

Ethel Long Nuss '51 died Aug. 29, 2007, in Valparaiso, Ind., at age 77. Before moving to Illinois, she taught German and English at the Woods Schools in Langhorne and at Hershey High School. While in Illinois, Nuss taught in elementary schools. She was a member of the Calvary United Protestant Church in Park Forest, where she taught Sunday school and was a member of the women's group. Nuss volunteered in reading programs and was active in feeding the hungry.

Dale L. Scheib '52 died Aug. 2, 2007, in Wilmington, Del., at age 79. He was retired from the DuPont Company. Scheib was

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a U.S. Army veteran, a member of Union United Methodist Church for over 55 years, and a member of the Newark Anglers Association.

Lt. Col., USAF, retired, Dr. Warren L. Early '53 died Jan. 24, 2008, in Lebanon at age 79. He began his medical career as a physician to the original Mercury Seven NASA astronauts while stationed at Langley

Air Force Base in Virginia. He transferred to Andrews Air Force Base in Maryland, where he was chief of radiology at Malcolm Grow Medical Center. After early retirement from the Air Force in 1973, he opened a private practice in Waldorf, Md. He then went into semi-retirement, working as a radiologist for hospitals and practices in need of support. Among others, he is survived by his brother, **the Rev. Henry R. Early '53**.

Dr. Allen H. Heim '53 died Oct. 31, 2007, in La Plata, Md., at age 79. He worked for the National Institute of Health for over 20 years, and was the project director for the team that developed the artificial kidney. Heim then worked for five years at Vanderbilt Medical Center as the director of sponsored research. He was proud to have been involved with NASA's first trip to Mars.

Dr. Joerg W.P. Mayer, 78, professor *emeritus* of mathematical sciences at Lebanon Valley College, who was known for speaking his mind both as a professor and a community volunteer, died peacefully March 28, 2008, at his home in Brattleboro, Vt. He taught at the Valley for 27 years, retiring in 1997.

"Joerg will be remembered in many ways," said Dr. Brian Hearsey, chair of LVC's Mathematical Sciences Department. "I will always remember his intellectual power, enthusiasm, and curiosity. He is high on the list of the most intelligent and well-educated individuals I have known." Hearsey remembered that Mayer was one of the first department chairs at LVC to insist on hiring only full-time faculty who had doctorates.

Dr. Phylis Dryden, a professor *emerita* of English, recalled, "Joerg made an unforgettable impression on the faculty at LVC. For as long as I can remember, he had his own 'seat' at the faculty meetings and always had something to say."

"He was an extraordinary man—funny, irreverent, knowledgeable, exasperating, stubborn, honest—the kind of person this world needs more of," wrote a friend from Brattleboro, Vt., the town he and his wife, Heidrun Mayer '75, adopted after retiring.

In 1983, when mathematics professor Dr. Mark Townsend came to interview for his LVC position, he recalled being advised about Mayer: "Don't be too nice to him, he doesn't like that." It was true that Joerg could be impossible at times," Townsend recalled, "but it was also impossible not to like him!"

Denise Sanders, now a technical services assistant in the College's library, first met Mayer when he said, "Hi, I'm Joerg Mayer, the bad boy in the department!" At the time, I didn't know what to think of him, but quickly learned what he meant. He was a very honest and upright man and sometimes the truth was brutal to take. Nevertheless, you were

never deceived by his words or actions; you knew where you stood and where he stood. Joerg had an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and expected the same from his students."

When he retired, a group of his former graduate students came to Annville to celebrate with him and the department had a large party at Kriederheim.

Town Meeting in Brattleboro issued a resolution formally thanking him for his contribution to the community. "With the parting of such a committed

town elder, we are all at a loss. Joerg was always passionate in his work, determined in his nature to try to make this town a better place for all," it read in part. In Vermont, Mayer served as a selectboard member, a planning commission and Town Meeting member, a "stalwart" volunteer at Brattleboro Community Television, and most recently, a newspaper columnist for the *Brattleboro Reformer*. In his last newspaper column, published the week he died, he mused about his conflict between indolence and self-respect as he lost his physical vigor to illness. The column was reprinted April 2 in the *Lebanon Daily News*.

Born Aug. 4, 1929 in Munich, Germany, Mayer earned his doctorate from the University of Giebel, Germany, with some graduate work at Purdue University in Indiana. He taught mathematics at the University of Malaya in Singapore, the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque, N.M., and George Mason College in Fairfax, Va., before coming to LVC in 1970 to teach mathematics and computer science. Besides his wife, he leaves a his sons Friedrich of Albuquerque, N.M.; Johannes of Erie; Nicholas of Reno, Nev.; Mark of Brattleboro; and a daughter, Agnes Mikijanec of Brattleboro; eight grandchildren and a great granddaughter. Memorial contributions in Mayer's name may be made to, Brattleboro Centre For Children, 193 Main St., Brattleboro, Vt. 05301.



Nancy Eckenroth Bixler '54 died Aug. 25, 2007, in Phoenixville at age 74. She was a music teacher in the Pottsgrove School District for 43 years. Bixler was an active member of Augustus Lutheran Church in Trappe, where she was a member of the bell choir. After her retirement, she returned to Pottstown to play the piano for school plays at Barth Elementary School.

Martin "Marty" J. Grochowski '54 died Nov. 22, 2007, at age 75. He had been a casualty underwriter for The Insurance Company of North America, and earned a master's degree in business administration in 1970 from Temple University. He later became insurance manager for the Redevelopment Authority for the City of Philadelphia. After his retirement, he volunteered at the Overbrook School for the Blind.

Grace Gorbey Connell '57 died Aug. 23, 2007, in Boothwyn at age 72. She was employed at Hercules, Inc., in Wilmington, Del., and with Sun Transport, Inc., as a fleet staffing coordinator until retirement. Connell was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a longtime member of St. James Episcopal Church in Prospect Park and a member of the Sun Honor Club, the Delaware Valley Sun Retiree Association, and LVC's Alumni Association.

William E. Schadler '57 died Dec. 14, 2007, in Fredericksburg at age 77. He served three years in the U.S. Air Force. He was a paint and plastics chemist with the Glidden Paint Company for several years. For 12 years, he was the plant manager and worked in marketing for the Hamilton Watch Co. In 1976, he graduated from Dickinson School of Law, Carlisle. He practiced law in Lebanon and, in 1988, became district justice in Jonestown, until he retired in 1994. Schadler was a member of the board of directors of the Lebanon Mutual Insurance Company. He learned to fly at the Farmer's Pride Airport, and for over 45 years, he managed the airport, where he was also a flight instructor. Schadler was a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association. He was recognized in 2006 by the Federal Aviation Association. He was a member of the Ancient and Secret Order of Quiet Birdmen.

'60s

The Rev. Donald L. Harper '60 died Dec. 19, 2007, in Bloomsburg at age 76. He served as a United Methodist pastor for congregations in Upper Strasburg, Gettysburg, Dallastown, Bloomsburg, and Allison Church in Carlisle. He served 18 months as the executive director of the South Central AIDS Awareness Network. In retirement, he served as interim pastor at Calvary Church and Paxton Church of Harrisburg. At the time of his death, Harper was serving as associate pastor at Calvary Church, Harrisburg. He served in numerous leadership capacities within the Central Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was one of the founders of OPEN (Ordinary People Extraordinary Needs) and the HIV/AIDS support group in the York area.

Karl A. Wesolowski '60 died Jan. 31, 2008, in Newburyport, Mass., at age 69. He was professor *emeritus* at Salem State College, where he served as chair of the Economics Department and taught for more than 37 years. He also was owner and president of Community Research, a marketing and political polling company. Wesolowski served as president of the Polish Club of Amesbury and served on many state and local committees in Massachusetts.

Kathleen Patterson Lockwood '61 died Feb. 6, 2008, in New Jersey at the age of 68. She started a teaching career in the Bergenfield Public Schools in New Jersey. Later, she taught in both Germany and the Azores. For 17 years prior to her retirement in 2005, Lockwood taught at the Woodside Avenue School in Franklin Lakes, N.J., where she had previously served as president of its PTA. In 2003–2004 she was honored as Teacher of the Year.

Margaret Light Miller '61 died Sept. 11, 2007, in Cedar Run, N.J., at age 98. She was a retired elementary school teacher in the Lickdale and Jonestown elementary schools. At the age of 54, she was the first non-traditional senior to graduate from LVC. Miller and her late husband, **Walter W. Miller '34**, taught English to Vietnamese refugees at Ft. Indiantown Gap.

Robert J. Urban '61 died Feb. 12, 2007, in Lebanon at age 89. He was the proprietor of the Myerstown Pattern Shop from 1969 until he retired at age 87. He worked for 30

years at the Lebanon Steel Foundry. Urban was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the Lebanon VFW, and the Catholic War Veterans. He was a World War II Army Air Corps veteran who served in the Pacific Theater as a master sergeant radio operator. Urban was a lifelong member of St. Mary's Church, where he served on the Parish Council, as financial director of the building campaign, and for over 25 years, as chair of the church festival. Among others, he is survived by a daughter, **RoseMarie K. Urban '81**.

Elizabeth G. Atticks '64 died Oct. 16, 2007, in Mechanicsburg at age 93. In 1968 she was honored by Wilson College in Chambersburg as one of America's outstanding women. In 1977 she was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters by Davis & Elkins College. Atticks was a lifelong member of Market Square Presbyterian Church in Harrisburg where she was an elder, deacon, and trustee, taught church school, was an advisor to countless youth, and sang in the choir for over 60 years. Her professional life was spent working for the Synod of the Trinity and the Presbytery of Carlisle, regional bodies of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Atticks was prominent nationally in the Presbyterian Church, serving on the General Assembly's permanent nominating committee. She served on the board of the Program for Female Offenders and participated in the Camp Hill Civic Club.

Dennis W. Mills '65, died Feb. 17, 2008, in Palmyra at age 64. He worked for Firestone Tire and Rubber Company for 16 years, and later retired from Wengert's Dairy with 26 years of service. Mills was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church, Grantville; Twin Pines Hunting Camp, Huntingdon County; and the Good Guys Car Club. He enjoyed boating, traveling, and NASCAR. He is survived by a brother, **the Rev. Terry A. Mills '69**, among others.

Barbara Beltz Banket '67 died Nov. 15, 2007, in Orwigsburg at age 62. She taught seventh-grade science in the Schwenksville School District. She worked at Hershey Medical Center as a junior research technician in cancer research, and worked part time at Berks Intermediate Unit 14. She retired in 2005 from the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 as the school psychologist. Banket was a member of St. Mark's Browns Church and Salem Hetzels Lutheran Church, where she was co-superintendent of

the Sunday school and organizer of Vacation Bible school, church choir, and church council. She was a Tiger Cub leader, member of Volunteers in Action, volunteer aide in elementary and middle school resource rooms, and a member of Blue Mountain PTA. Surviving, among others, is a sister, **Sandra Beltz Edmunds '64**.

Sarah Walters Moffitt '67 died Jan. 27, 2008, in Hershey at age 91. She was retired from the Harrisburg School District as an elementary guidance counselor, and had served as program director for the Senior Adult Center, Mechanicsburg. Moffitt was a U.S. Army Air Force veteran of World War II, serving as a link trainer. She is survived by several family members.

James "Jim" H. Ditzler '69 died Jan. 11, 2008, in Lebanon at age 59. He worked for Gallagher Tire in Harrisburg and previously worked for Bethlehem Steel for 18 years. He was a member of Walmer's United Church of Christ and the Jonestown Lion's Club where he served as past president. Ditzler was the first Scout Master for Troop 481 in Ebenezer. He was the chair of the Union Township Planning Commission and a former member and president of the Izaak Walton League.

Cinda Albright Wiest '69 died Nov. 30, 2007, in Harrisburg at age 60. She was a computer programmer, who worked in Texas, Louisiana, and Pennsylvania. Wiest, an avid reader, belonged to a book club. She had a great love of flowers and spent countless hours photographing Longwood Gardens, as well as her grandchildren. Among others, she is survived by her former husband, **Dr. John A. Wiest '67**.

'70s

Robert C. Helt '70 died Jan. 18, 2008, at age 59. He was a senior analytical chemist manager and director of quality at Reutgers-Nease Chemical Corporation in State College. Among others, he is survived by his wife, **Patricia Dougherty Helt '72**.

Nevin F. Dieffenbach '72 died Oct. 9, 2007, in Lebanon at age 63. He was president of Asphalt Drum Mixers, Inc., Huntertown, Ind., for nine years, and was a member of Salem Lutheran Church, Lebanon. Among others, he is survived by a son, **Todd E. Dieffenbach '98**.

Robert E. Dunnick '72 died Jan. 1, 2007, in La Center, Wash., at age 57. He served in the Peace Corps in Liberia. Dunnick was a reserve lieutenant with the La Center Sheriff's Office for 23 years, and active with the volunteer search and rescue team. He enjoyed SCUBA diving, cowboy action shooting competitions as "Dutchman Bob," hunting, climbing, John Wayne movies, and model trains. He became a master diver, traveled to Hawaii, and went on a cruise to Jamaica and the Grand Caymans to celebrate his 25th wedding anniversary. He is survived by his wife, **Pamela A. Dunnick P'08, P'11**; his daughters, **Jennifer M. Dunnick '08** and **Katherine M. Dunnick '11**; his sister, **Susan Dunnick Clouser '75**; and multiple extended family members.



Linda D. Putland '73 died Aug. 18, 2007, in Virginia Beach, Va., at age 55. She was a social work administrator for A Very Special Place, a day program for adults with mental handicaps. Prior to that, she was an administrator for the Appalachian Service Project. After retiring in 1986, she counseled support groups for people with AIDS and led a diabetic support group. In 1993, Putland moved to Virginia Beach where she led a single's ministry, an HIV/AIDS ministry, and other ministries at her church.

'90s

Todd A. Hess '90 died Nov. 13, 2007, in Lebanon at age 40. He began his career in accounting in 1990 with AMP Incorporated, and was senior accountant at Stanilla and Siegel CPAs in Lebanon. Most recently, Hess was a CPA and owner operator of Amerman, Hess & Ginder, P.C. in Lebanon.

'00s

Alex W. Morris '11 died Sept. 23, 2007, at age 20, as a result of injuries he suffered in an auto accident. He worked as an EMT/fire marshall at Penn National Race Track, Grantville. He was an active EMT in Duncannon and a member of the Sons of the American Legion, Post 340,

Duncannon. Morris was a freshman at the College, working toward his bachelor's degree in business administration.

Friend

Dr. David A. Hoffman, husband of College Trustee **Dr. Kristen R. Angstadt '74**, died Feb. 12, 2008, in Hershey at age 75. He was a retired physician and honorary member of the staff at Reading Hospital



and Medical Center. After graduating from Reading High School, he attended Princeton University and then entered the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, graduating in 1957. Hoffman completed his internship and residency in obstetrics/gynecology (OB/GYN) at the Reading Hospital. In 1961, he opened a solo practice in Wyomissing. He delivered more than 6,000 babies in his first eight years of practice, then shifted his focus to areas of laser and laparoscopic surgery and reproductive medicine. He formed and operated a laboratory and sperm bank, the Pennsylvania Andrology and Fertility Center in Wyomissing, until his retirement in November 2002. Hoffman was a member of the American Medical Association and the Pennsylvania and Berks County medical societies. He was recently recognized by the Pennsylvania Medical Society for 50 years of medical service. In 1998, he received the Association of Professors of Gynecology and Obstetrics Excellence in Teaching Award for his outstanding contributions to the field. He was a member of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, the American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists, and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. From 1996-2002, he served as an associate for Medical Books for China International and coordinated an East Coast site for collecting and shipping medical publications and materials to help establish medical libraries across China. Hoffman is survived, among others, by his wife.



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